Shovel Up!

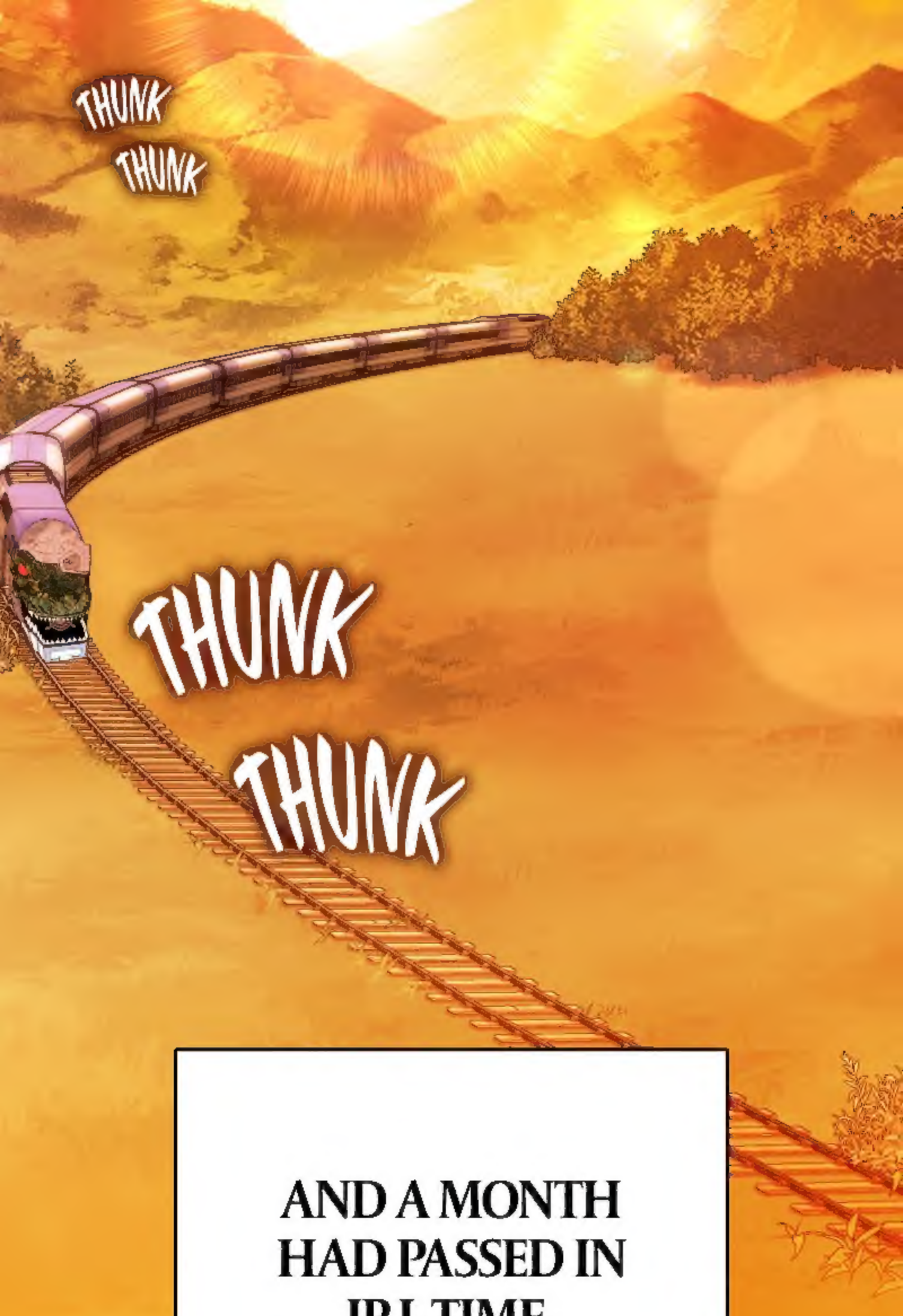
EPISODE 14
LOVE ONLY BRINGS PAIN

UGH, I LET MY GUARD DOWN...!
EWW!

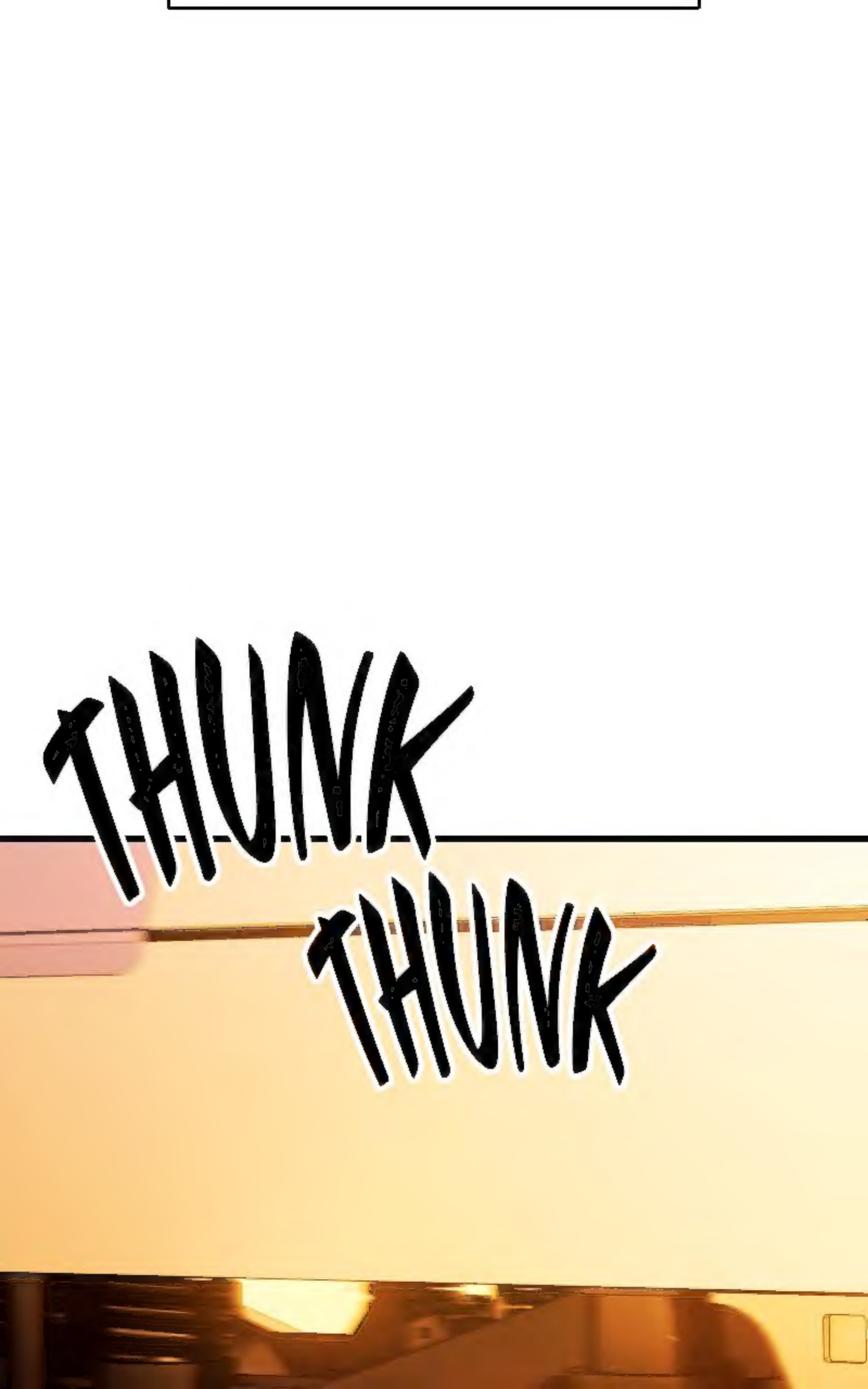
KING JISEOK
BROUGHT TOGETHER
THE SKELETONS

THE SKELETONS, DWARVES, AND THE WORLD GUILD ALLIANCE...

TO CREATE A MANUAL LABOR FORCE OF SORTS.



AND A MONTH HAD PASSED IN IRL TIME.


THUNK
THUNK

ZZZ...

THE NEXT STATION IS THE PLAZA OF BEGINNINGS.
WE WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY.
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ZZZ...

KING
JISEOK
PLAYED
ANOTHER WORLD
FOR 6 MONTHS

MASTER!
MASTER!

WE'RE ARRIVING SOON.

HUH?! OH, UHH, RIGHT.

DORO OF DEVOTION
BONEY

MASTER, WHY ARE YOU TAKING A NAP IN A GAME?
YAWN

HEY,
TRAIN NAPS
ARE THE BEST.
YOU JUST DON'T
GET IT.

WHOA!

THERE'S A TON OF PEOPLE HERE!

Plaza of Beginnings
CHATTER
CHATTER

PLAZA OF BEGINNINGS

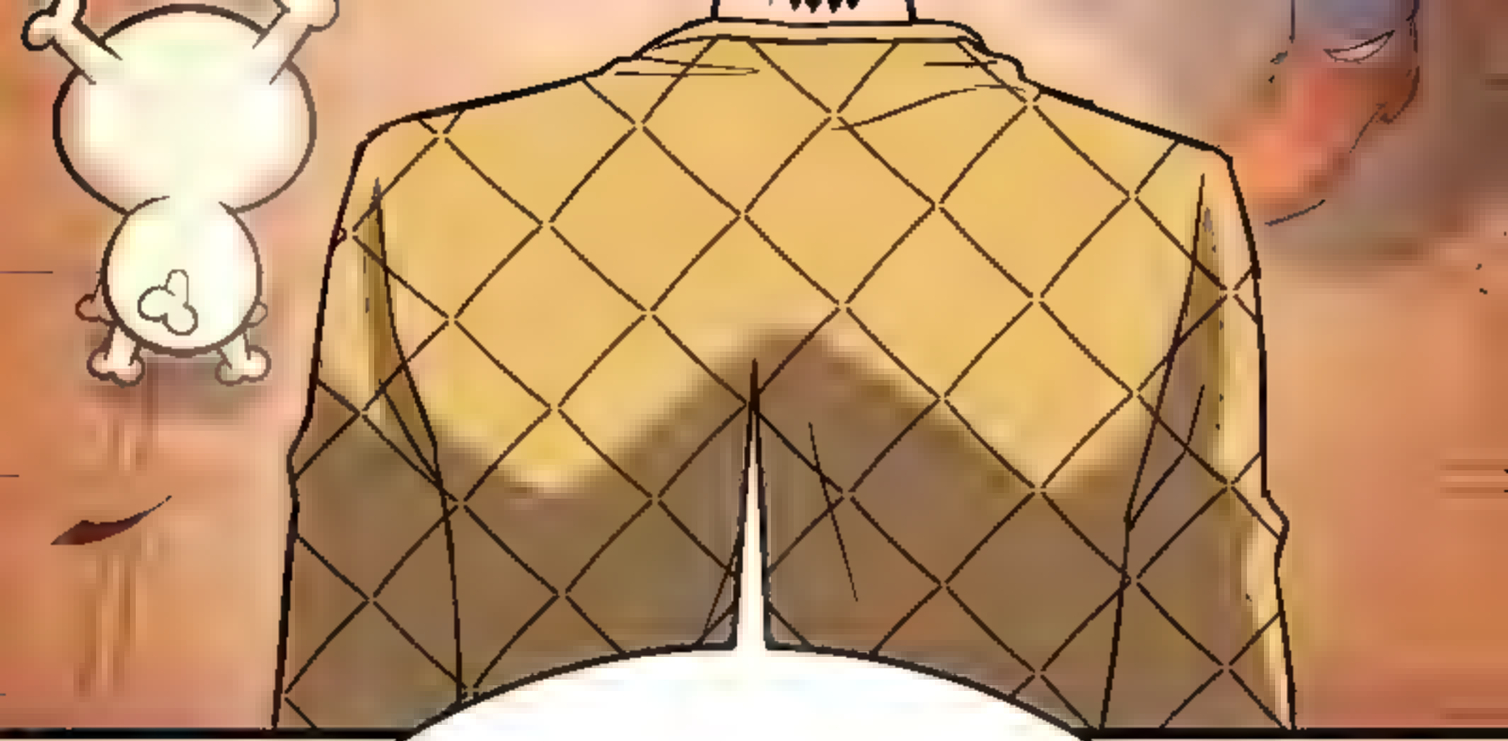
GOSH,
WHOEVER MADE
THESE AWESOME TRAIN
STATIONS IN THE GAME
IS A TOTAL GENIUS!

HEHEHE
YEAH,
YEAH.

POP
POP

HUH?

CONGRATULATIONS
ON THE COMPLETION
OF YOUR RAILWAY!



OH, HEY, EVERYONE. I WAS WONDERING WHERE ALL OF YOU WERE.

MISTER KING! WISHING YOU AND YOUR RAILWAY THE BEST!
LEAN
LEAN

Y-YEAH...
THANKS...

GUYS, YOU'RE MAKING ME BLUSH...

HARDCORE
LEVELING WARRIOR
WANTED ME TO TELL YOU
HE SAID CONGRATS
AS WELL.

TELL HIM
I SAID THANKS!
WHERE IS HE
ANYWAY?

...GOOD QUESTION.

MY GUESS
IS THAT HE'S OUT
THERE FIGHTING
SOMEWHERE.

THAT DIMWIT IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR HIS NEXT BATTLE.

AFTER HEARING ABOUT YOUR RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS,
I'VE BECOME EVEN MORE INTERESTED IN YOU.

CLENCH
YEAH?
WELL, KEEP IT TO YOURSELF...

ANYWAY, GOOD JOB, HUMAN.
YOU'RE PRETTY EFFICIENT FOR A USER IN A

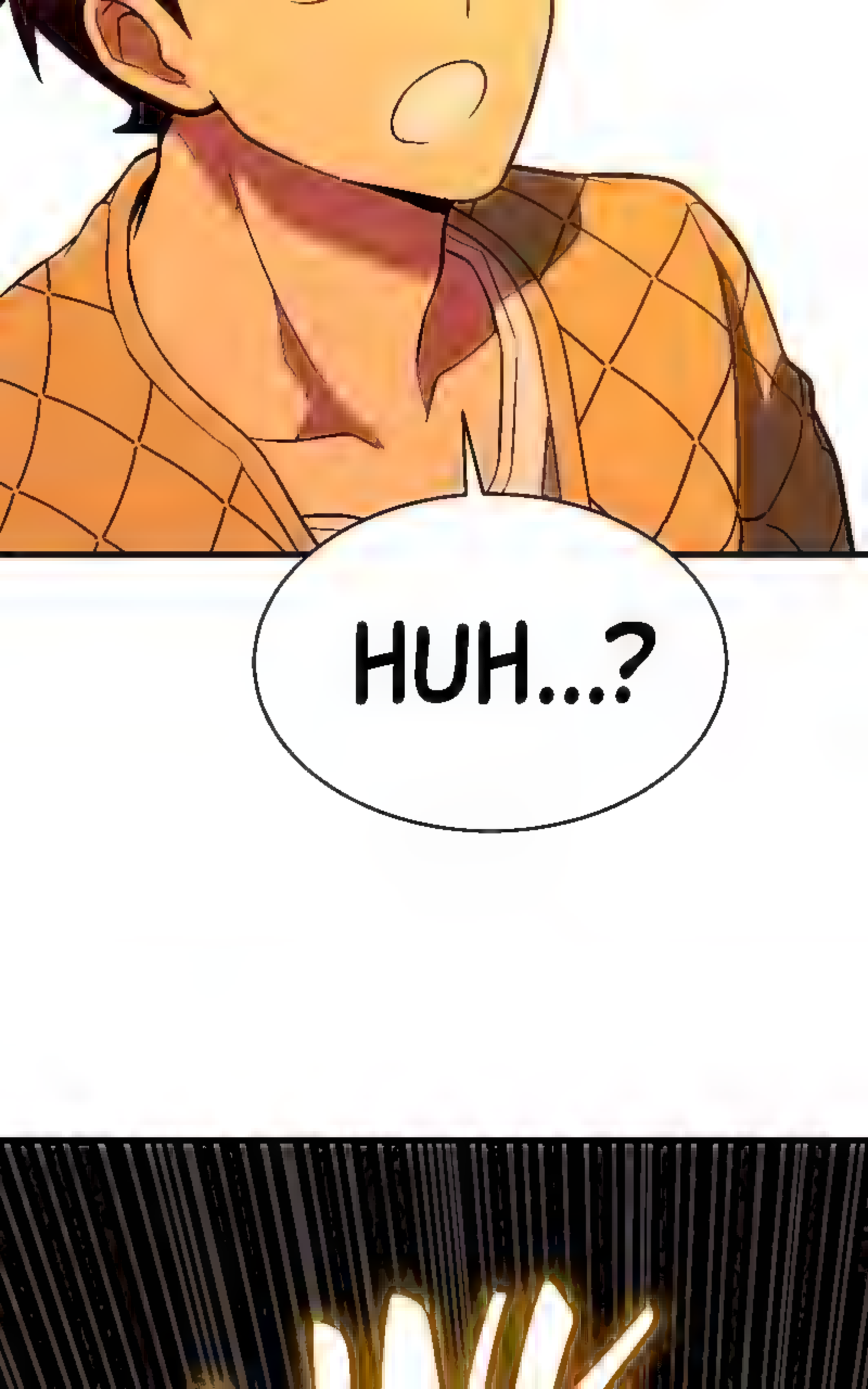
NEW SERVER.

THAT'S IT? JUST A "GOOD JOB"?

HAH!

HAH!
OF COURSE
NOT.

SPARKLE
!!!


HUH...?

CLINK
CLINK
CLINK
CLINK

WHOAAAAA!
DING
YOU HAVE COMPLETED RIOT OF SLOTH AND HEART HEATER'S

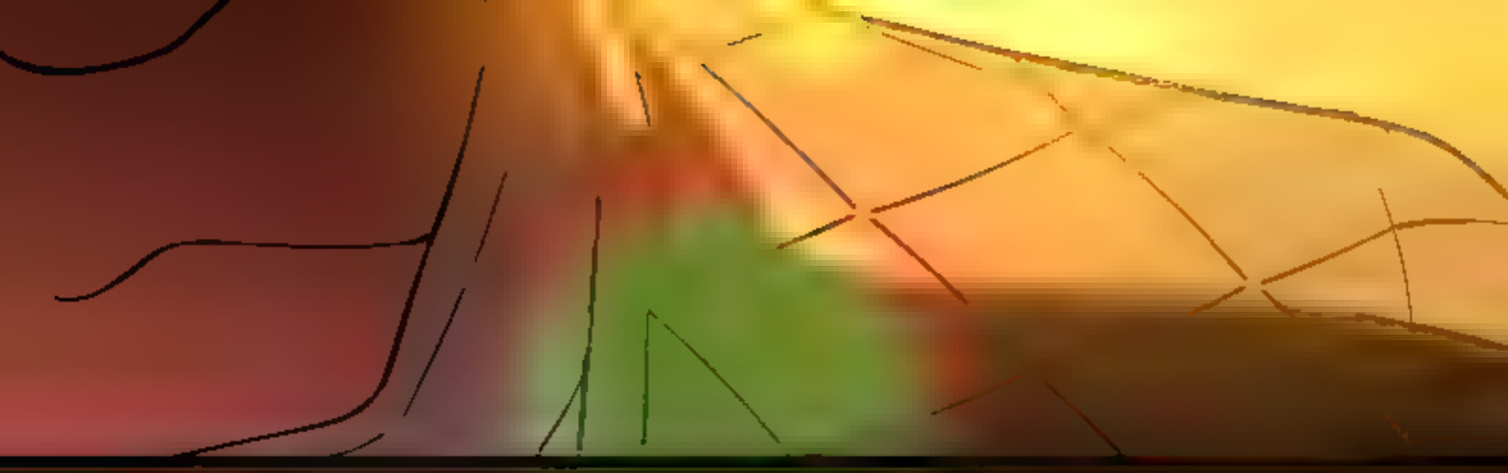
HEART HEATER'S QUEST.

YOU WILL
RECEIVE GOLD
AS A REWARD.

FLASH

PAYMENT
COMPLETE.

SPARKLE



-TOTAL-

9,900,000,000
GOLD

(=9,900,000,000 WON)

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FINALLY...

MY TIME
HAS COME☆

IT'S BEEN A LONG
TIME COMING...

Fried Chicken
I LIVED IN
A TINY SHOEBOX OF

AN APARTMENT FOR
THREE YEARS...
AND NOW,
I'M FINALLY

I'M FINALLY
LEAVING THAT
CRAPPY PLACE!

DO YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?
EXCUSE ME?

SHE'S READY TO POUNCE.

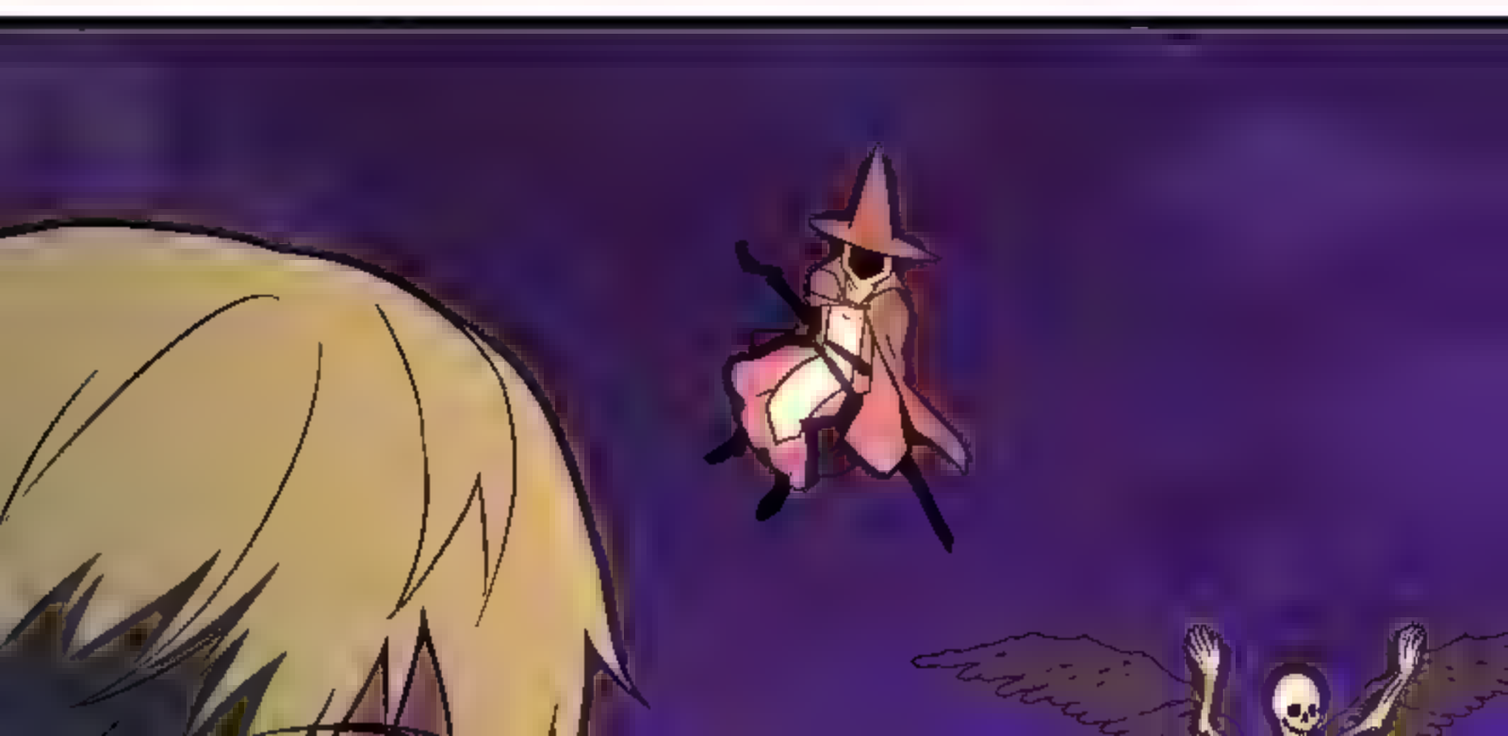
...ISN'T TOO UNCOMMON
OF A SIGHT ANYMORE.

SOOOO,
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO FIRST WITH ALL OF YOUR NEW MONEY?
HEHE, YOU REALLY WANNA KNOW?

I THINK I
HAVE AN IDEA.

HE'S PROBABLY
GOING TO LOG OUT
AND CONVERT IT ALL
INTO REAL CASH.

THEN HE'LL
GO AND LOOK UP
A REALTOR AND THE
CLOSEST DESIGNER
STORES AND LUXURY CAR
DEALERS IN THE
AREA...



King Jiseok

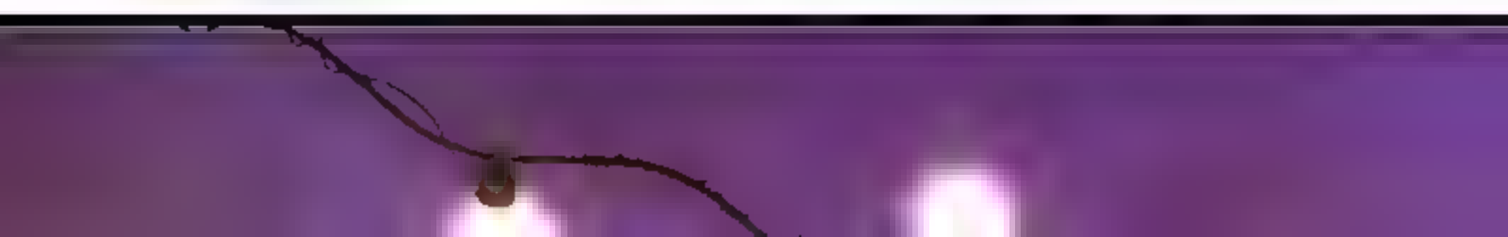
POP

WE'RE THROWING A CELEBRATION PARTY!!!

CHEERS!

Congrats!
New Railway
PARTY! PARTY!

...THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT.

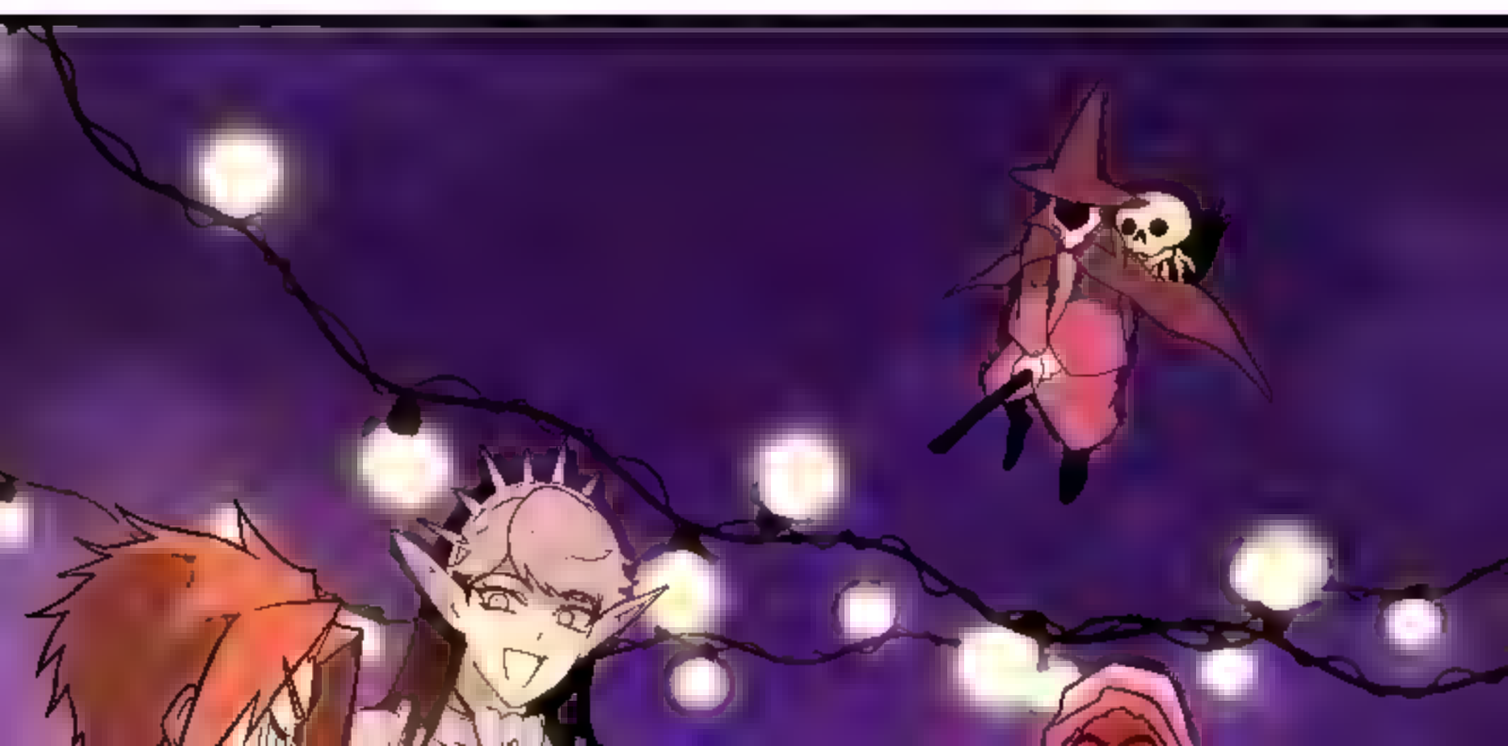


HE JUST MADE A HUGE AMOUNT OF CASH.

HE'S NOT IMMEDIATELY LEAVING TO GO AND SPEND IT?

AND INSTEAD... HE'S STAYING IN THE GAME TO PLAY AROUND?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND...



I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE.

HEY, HEY, HEY.
THERE YOU ARE,
MY BUSINESS
PARTNERS.
HAVING FUN?
HERE, HAVE
A DRINK!

JISEOK...

COULD I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
SURE. SHOOT.
GLUG GLUG GLUG

THIS CELEBRATION PARTY IS GOING TO COST YOU A PRETTY PENNY. WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?

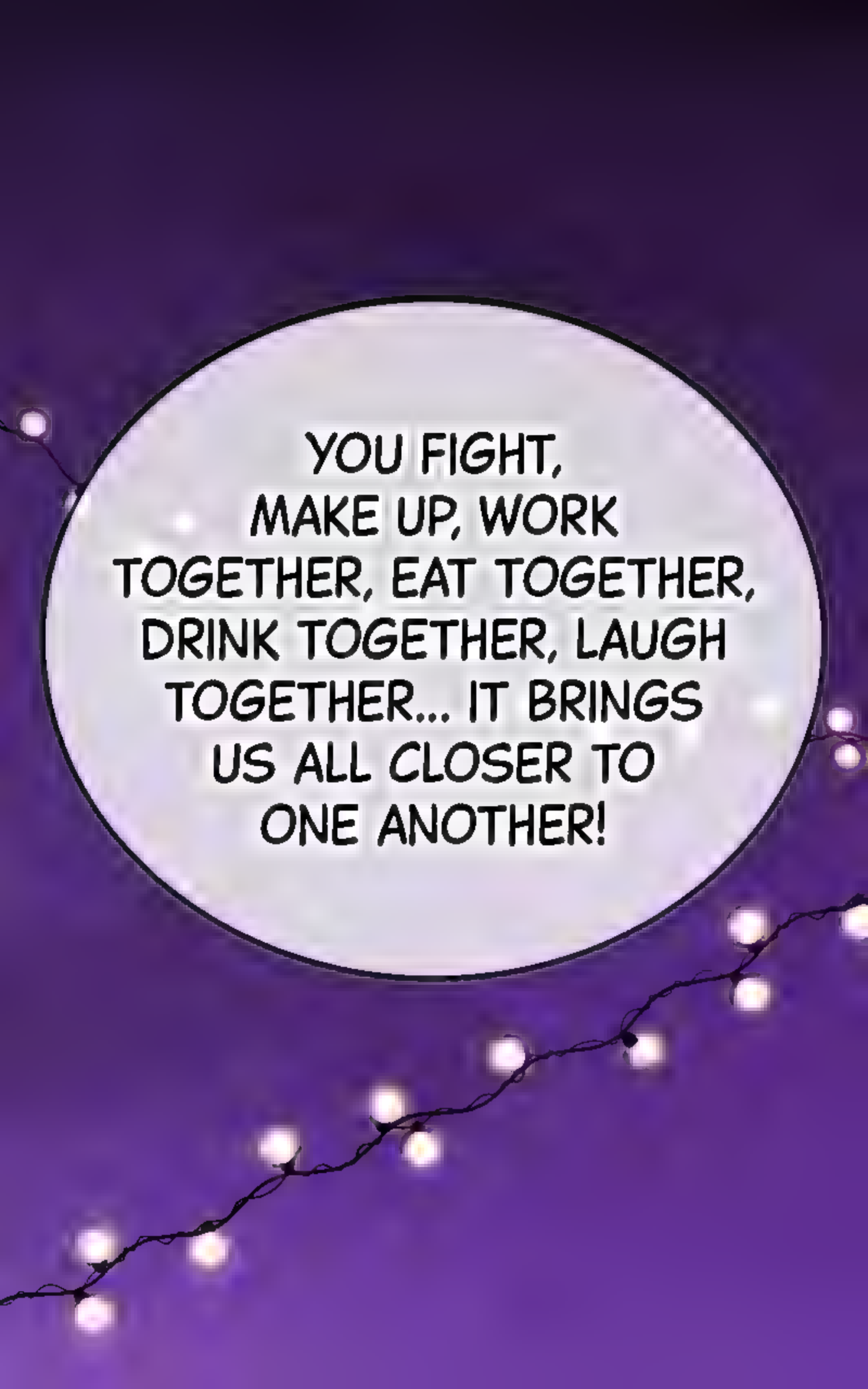
WHAT.

YOU THINK IT'S A WASTE?

I MEAN, YOU COULD BE SHOPPING TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT IN THE REAL WORLD.

IF I HADN'T MET ALL OF MY BUDDIES HERE IN THIS GAME...

...I MIGHT NOT HAVE EVEN MADE THIS MONEY TO BEGIN WITH.


YOU FIGHT,
MAKE UP, WORK
TOGETHER, EAT TOGETHER,
DRINK TOGETHER, LAUGH
TOGETHER... IT BRINGS
US ALL CLOSER TO
ONE ANOTHER!

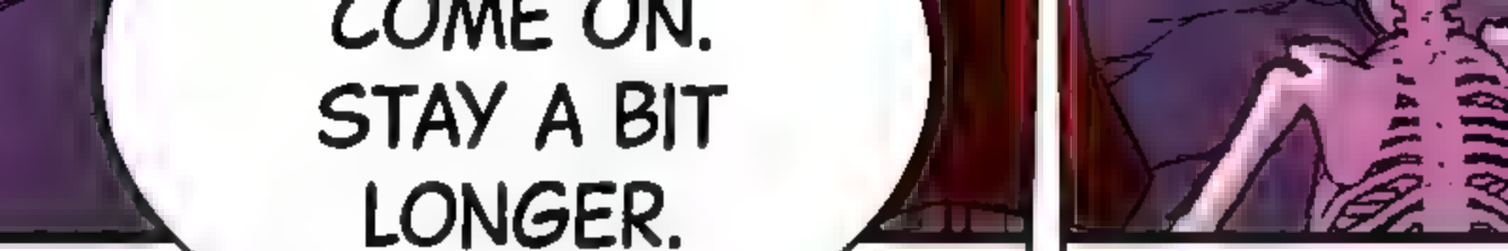
WHEN YOU'RE ON AN ADVENTURE, THE MORE THE MERRIER!

...I SEE.
CHUCKLE

I SHOULD

I SHOULD START HEADING BACK TO MY HOME SERVER.

AWW,



HEH, I'M DUE
TO DEAL WITH
SOME BOTHERSOME
BUSINESS.

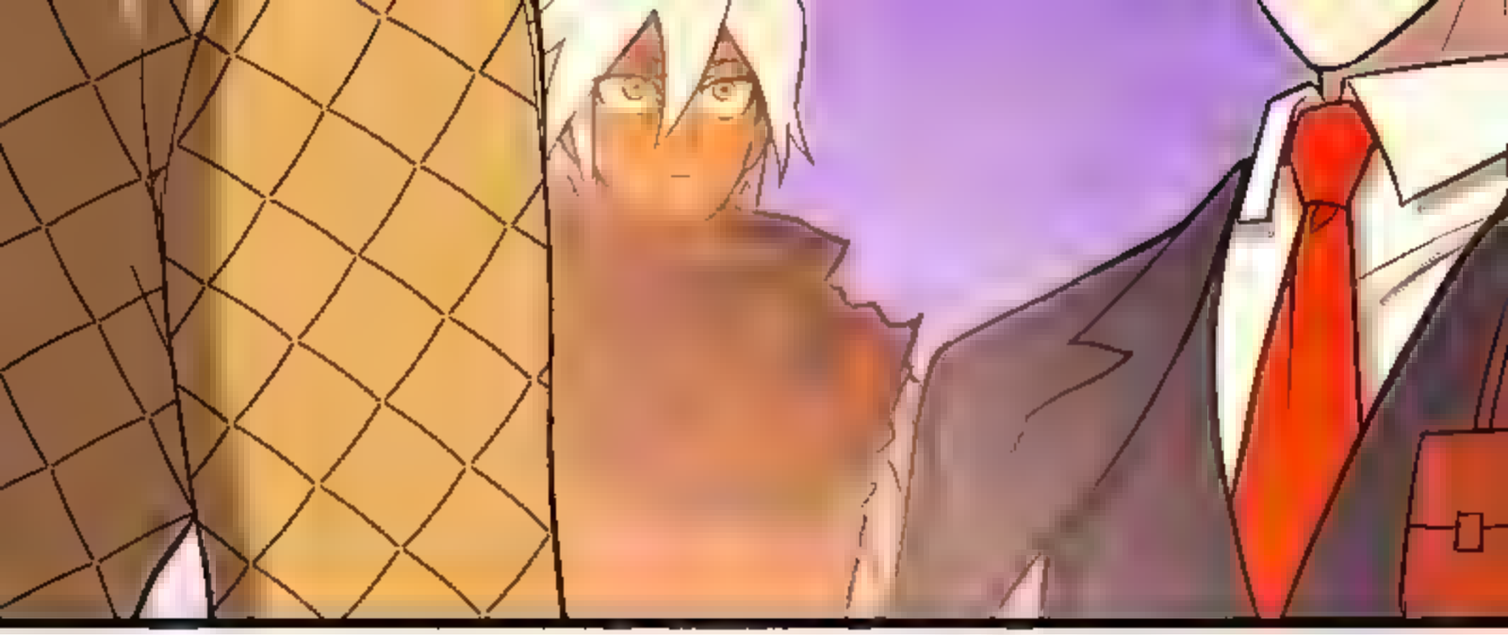
I CAN TELL
YOU'RE A GOOD
GUY. WITH THAT BEING

SAID, LET ME GIVE YOU
A PIECE OF ADVICE.

KING JISEOK,
DON'T GET TOO
COMFORTABLE IN THIS
BUBBLE OF YOURS.

ANOTHER
WORLD IS MERELY
A SMALL PIECE OF THE
BIG PICTURE THAT IS
CHRONO LIFE.

YOU CAN REACH
EVEN GREATER HEIGHTS
IF YOU BROADEN
YOUR HORIZONS.
king Jiseok



I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN ON AN EVEN BIGGER STAGE.

TAKE CARE KING JISEOK OF ANOTHER WORLD.

WRP

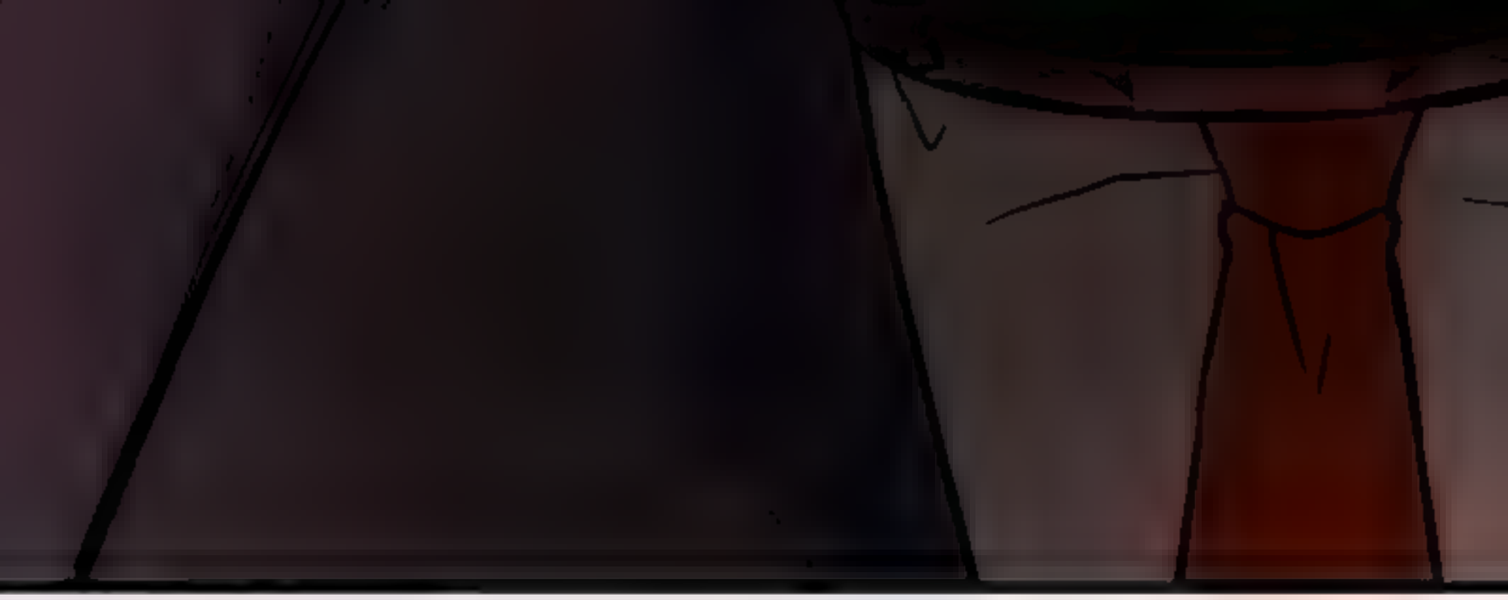
WHAT'S
HE TALKING
ABOUT?

HE'S SAYING
THAT AT THE END
OF THE DAY, ANOTHER

WORLD'S ROOTS LIE IN CHRONO LIFE.

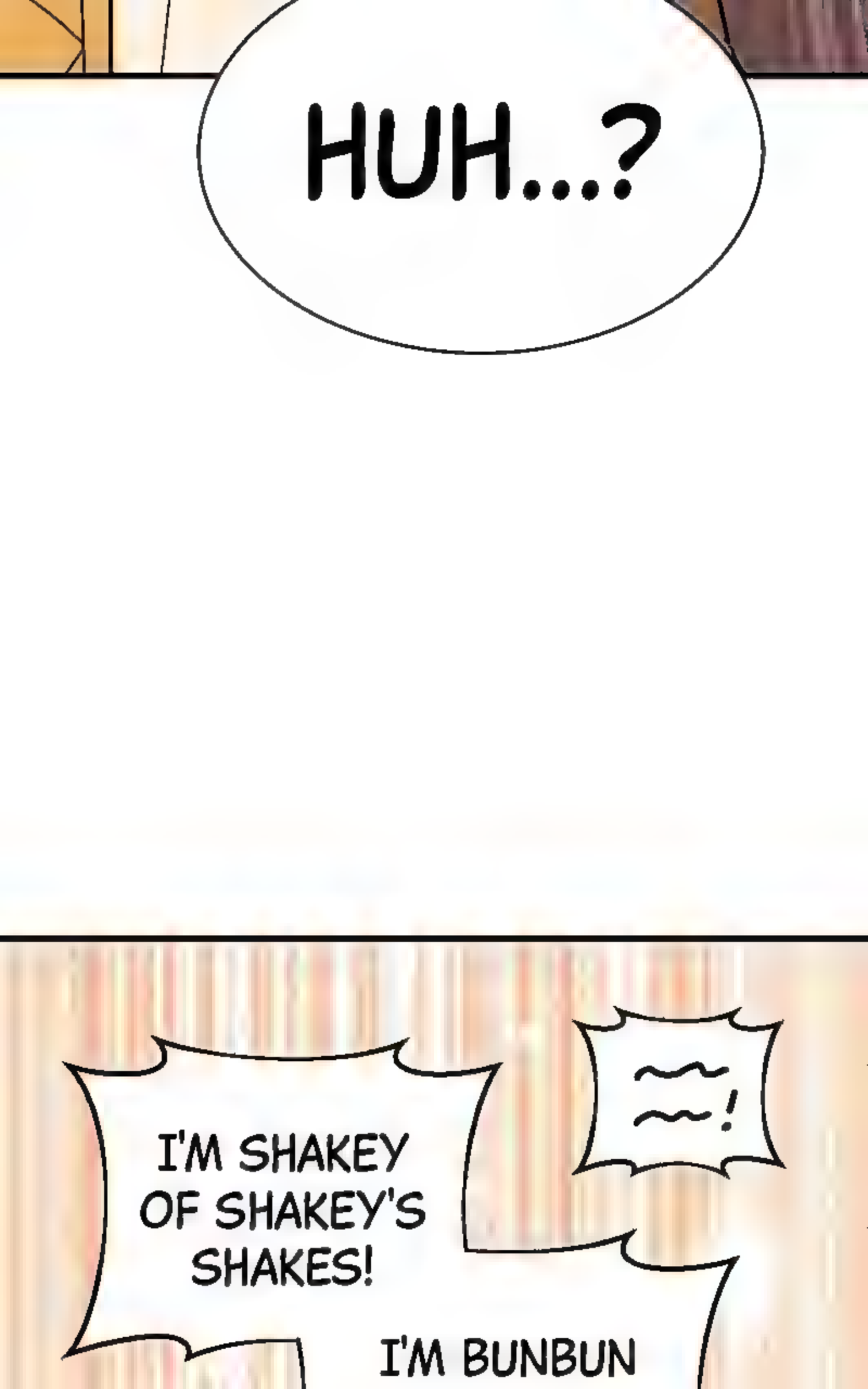
...BUT IS THAT REALLY THE CASE HERE?

SIP



WHY ARE ALL OF YOU NPCS SO CRYPTIC IN THE WAY YOU TALK?

MISTER
KING JISEOK!!!


HUH...?
I'M SHAKEY OF SHAKEY'S SHAKES!
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I'M BUNBUN
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OF BUN'S BURGERS!

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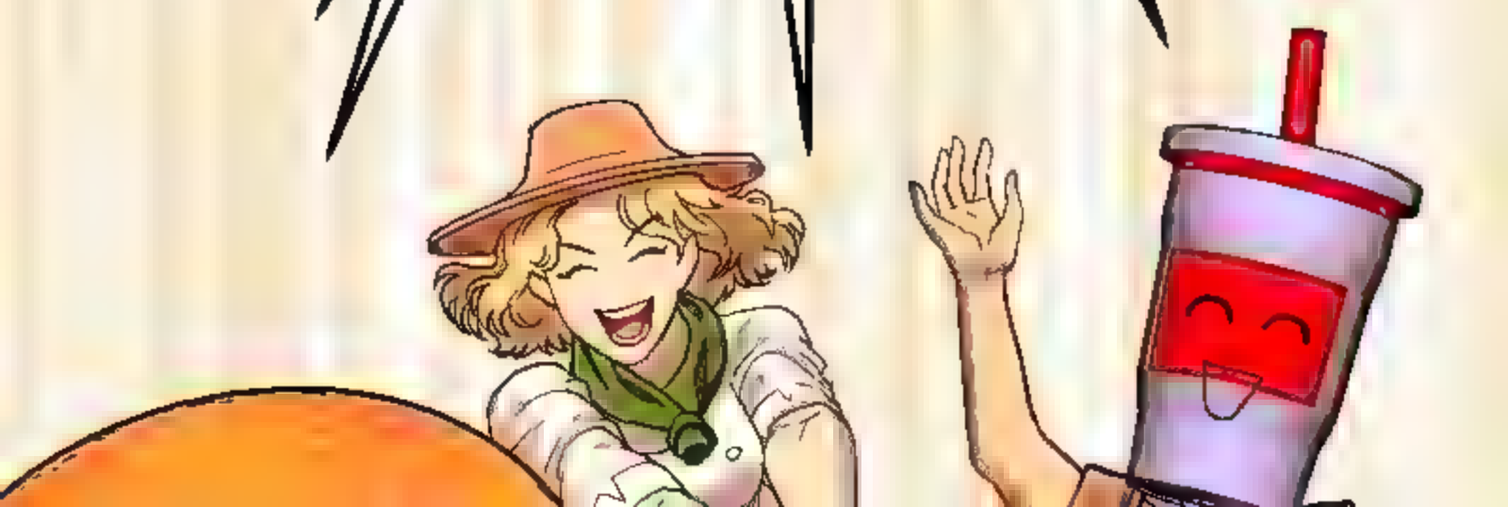
I'M PATTY OF PATTY'S PASTRIES!

I'M ALDEN OF AL DENTE'S PASTA!

WE'D LOVE TO DO BUSINESS WITH YOU!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WH-WH-WH-WHAT?!
WE HEARD ABOUT YOU FROM RIOT THE MERCHANT!
PLEASE LET US SET UP A STALL AT ONE OF YOUR STATIONS!

US TOO!
US TOO! PLEASE!
CLAMOR
CLAMOR

W-WAIT...
ONE AT A TIME,
PLEASE...

THAT DAMN
RIOT! SO THIS IS WHAT
HE WAS TRYING TO

WARN ME ABOUT!

I'D LOVE A HANDSHAKE FROM THE GREAT KING JISEOK!

ME TOO! ME TOO!

SWISH

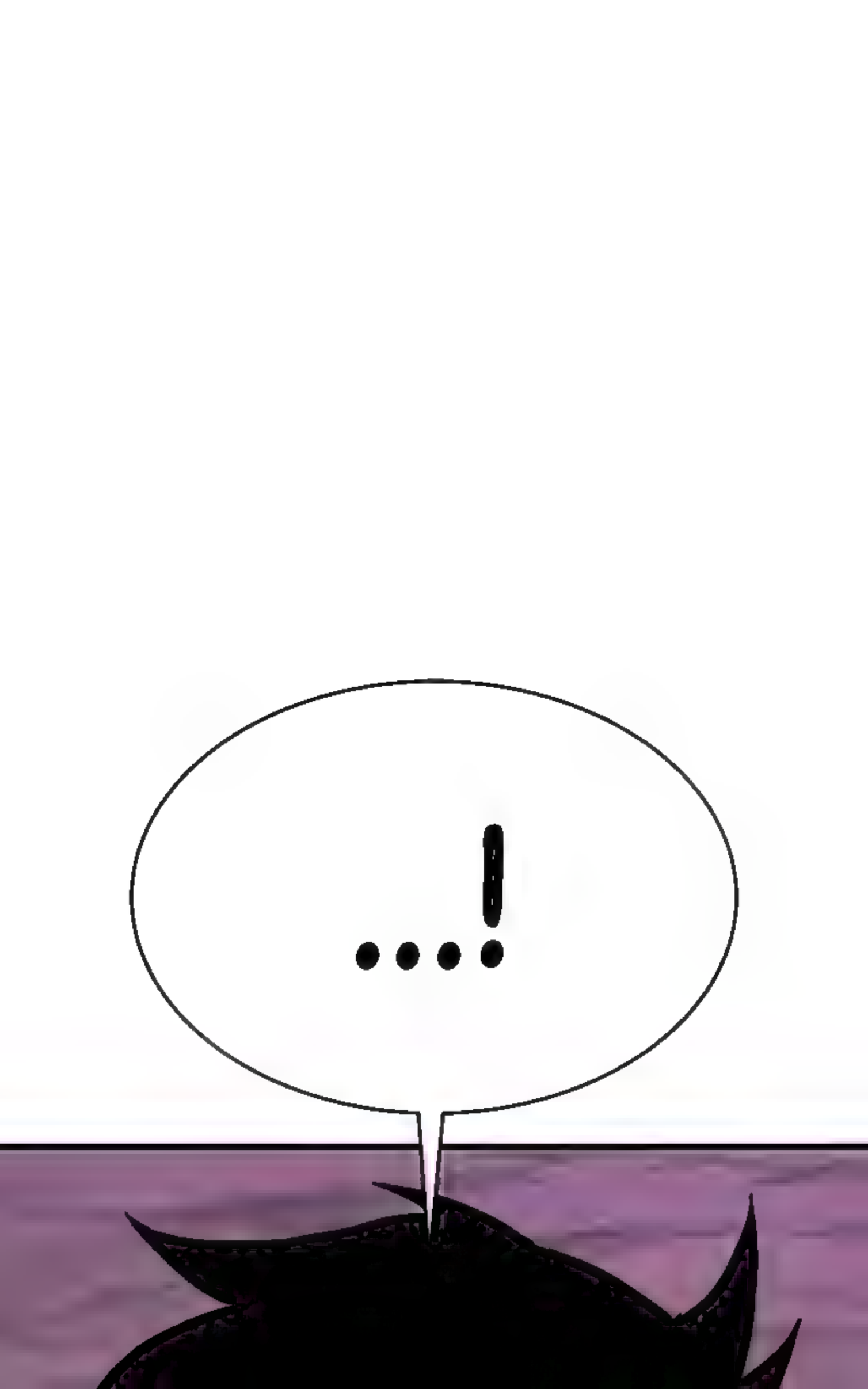
PLEASED TO MEET YOU...

...MISTER KING JISEOK.

I'M LUSSO.
I OWN A CAFE ON
THE OUTSKIRTS.

DA
DUN

LUSSO
MERCHANT
LV. ???
HP
MP



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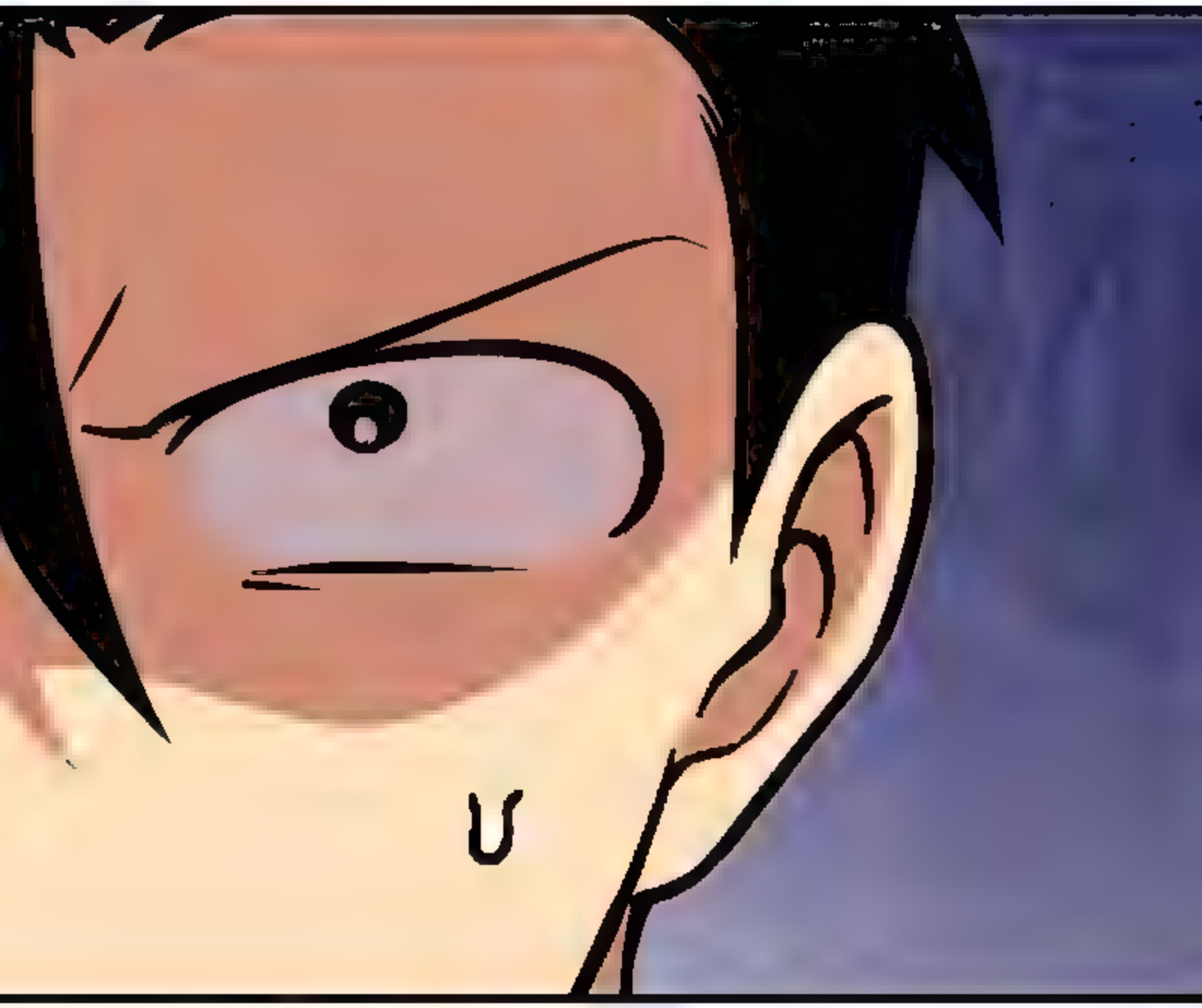
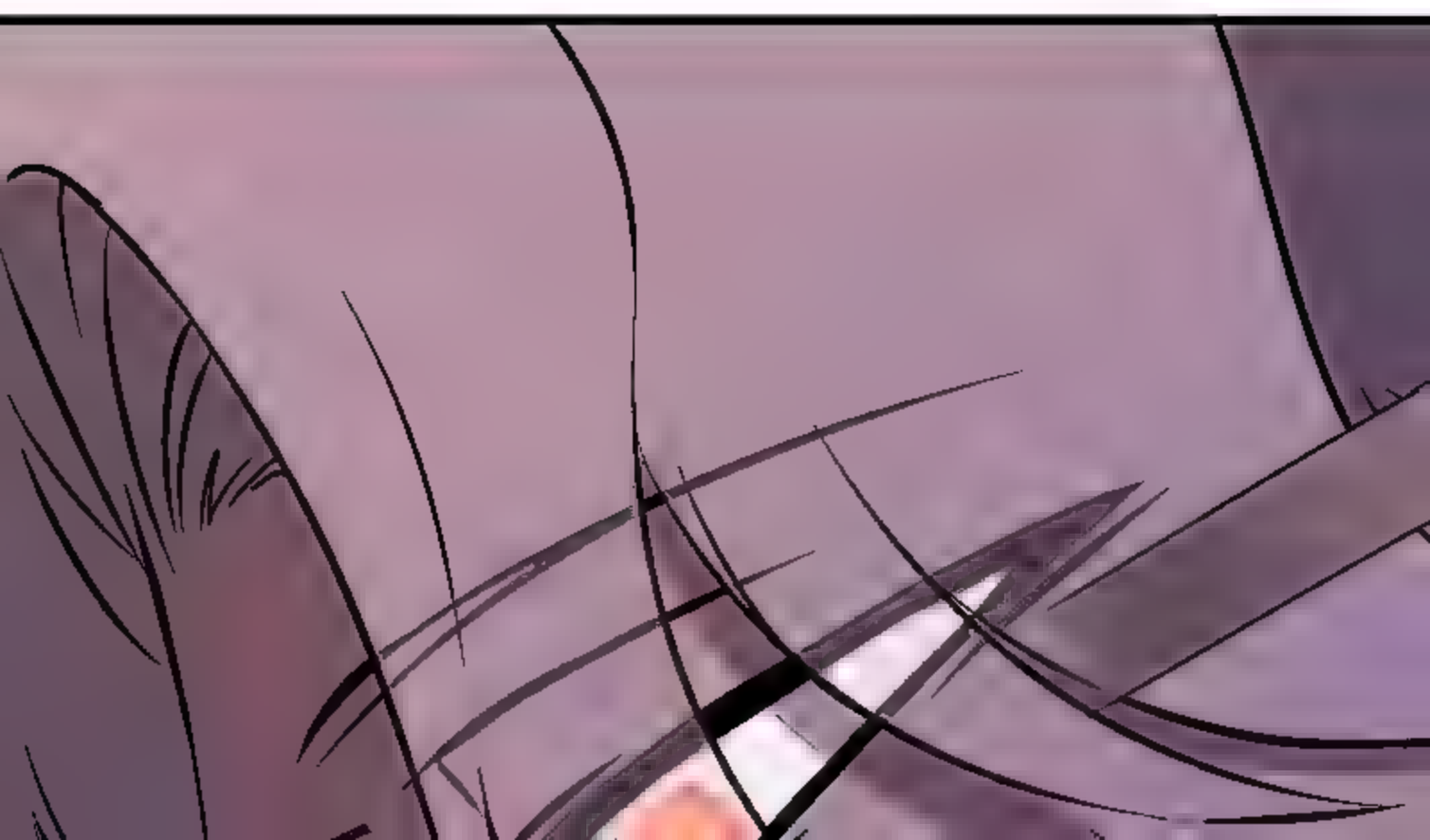


THIS GUY...

...IS SO HANDSOME...

MUST BE NICE...

MUTTER MUTTER



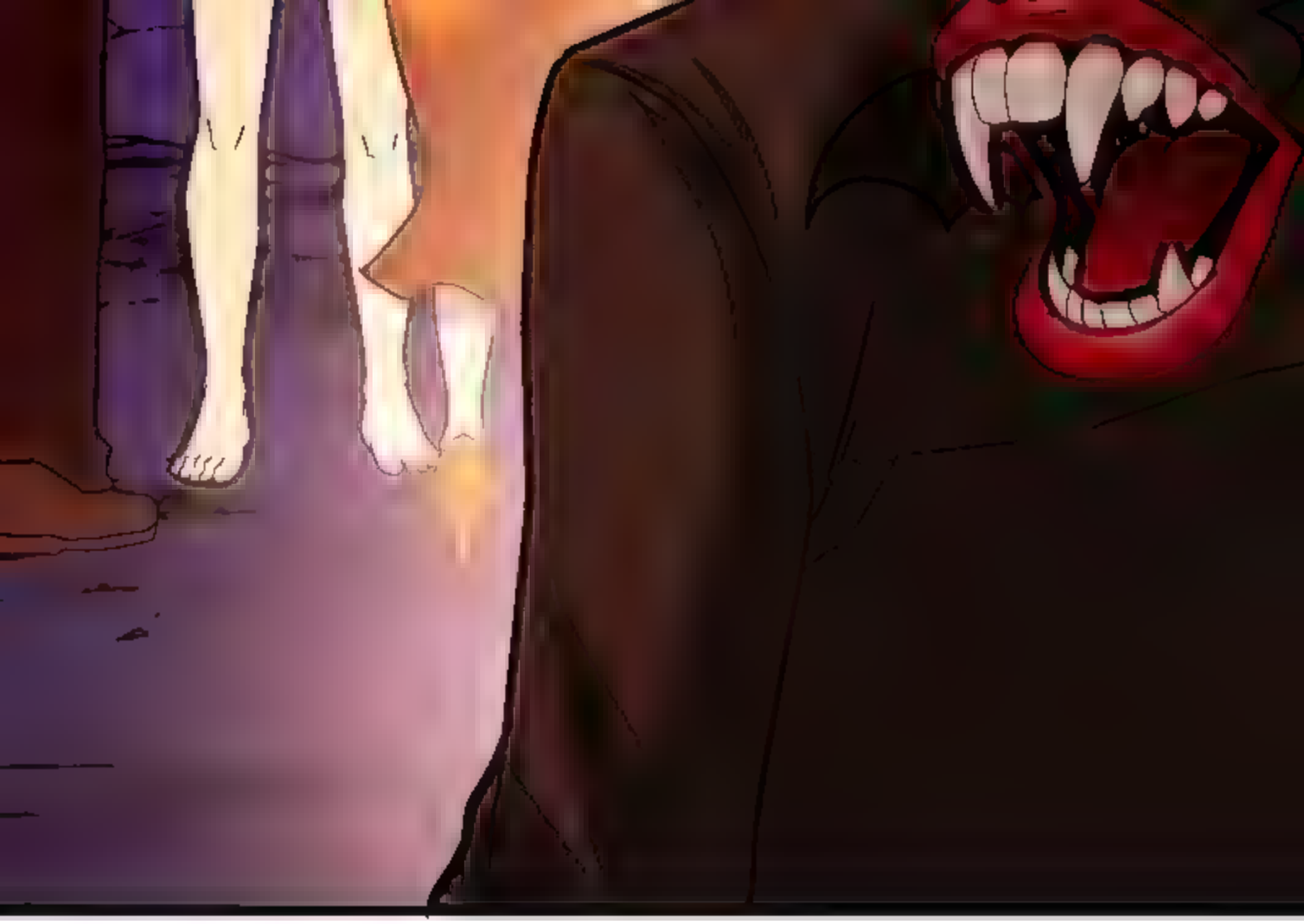
I KNEW YOU WOULD SMELL AMAZING.

I... SMELL AMAZING?

BUT MY BREATH PROBABLY SMELLS LIKE BOOZE...
OH! DOES HE WANT A DRINK?!
WOW, WE JUST MET AND HE'S ALREADY BEGGING FOR DRINKS?!

I JUST STOPPED BY TO INTRODUCE MYSELF.
COME AND HAVE A COFFEE AT MY PLACE SOMETIME.

I'LL GET GOING NOW.
BOW
YOU DRUNKARD.



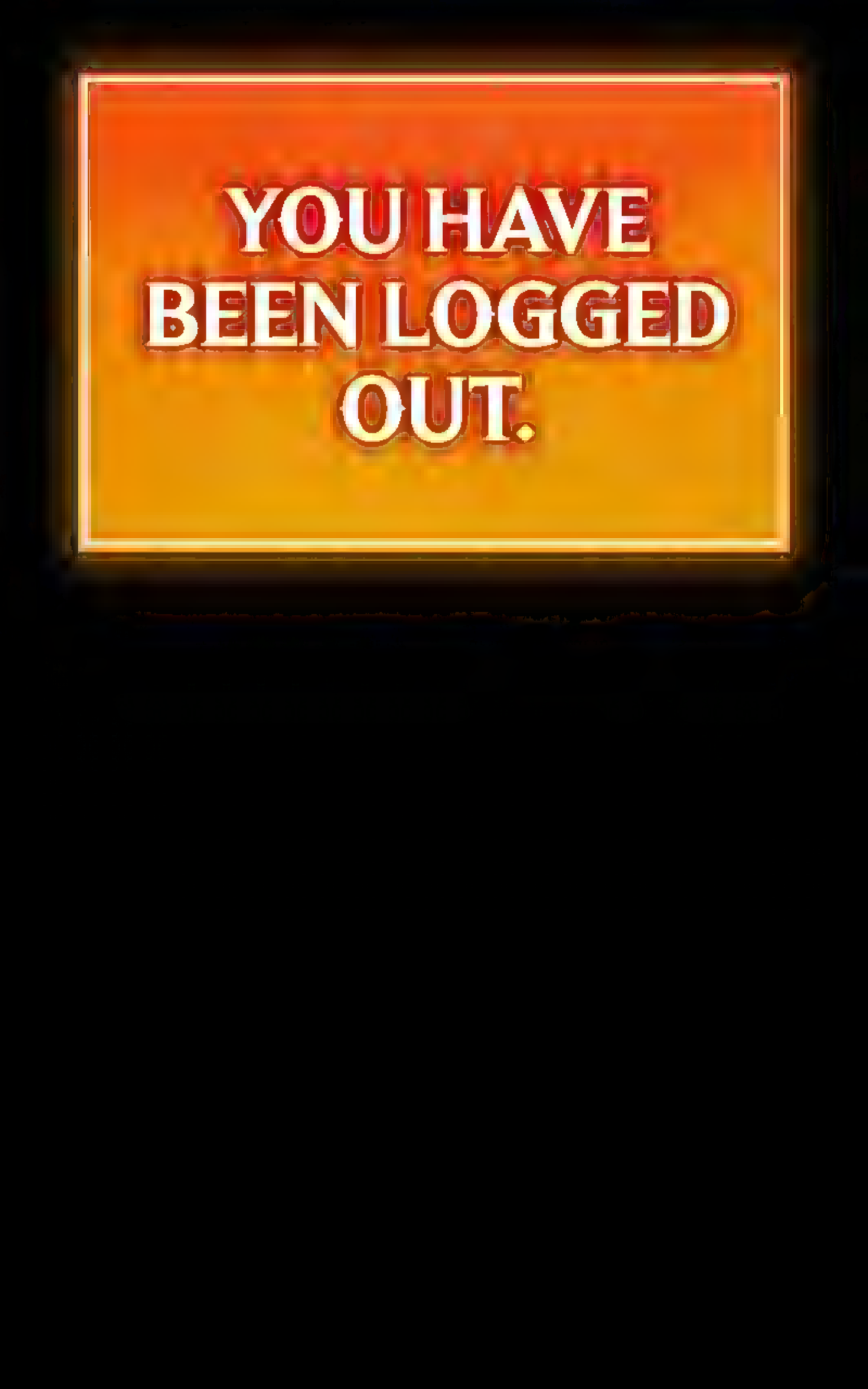
...RIM.

YES, BOSS?

I WANT

YOU TO LOOK INTO...
THIS LUSSO CHARACTER.

Congrats!
New
WILL DO, BOSS.


YOU HAVE
BEEN LOGGED
OUT.

Shovel Up!

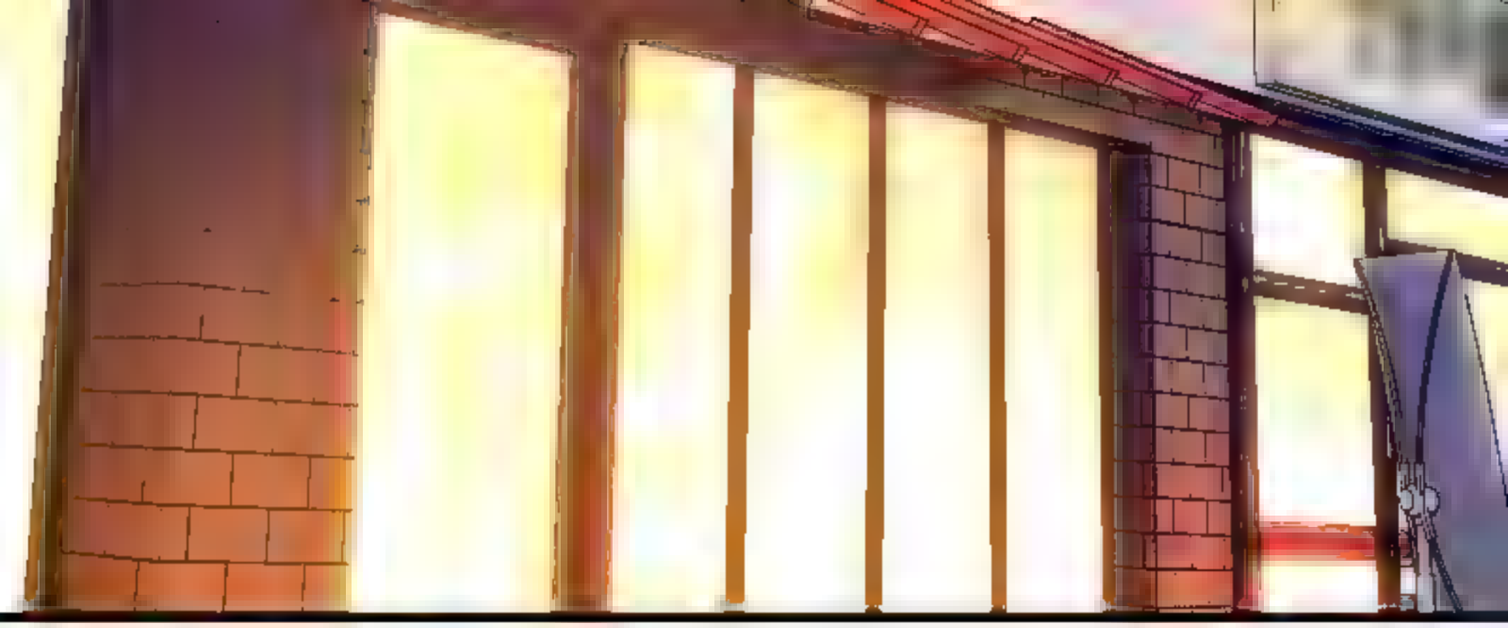
A WEEK LATER

SOMEWHERE IN SEOUL, KOREA

JISEOK'S *GOSHIWON** NEIGHBORHOOD

*GOSHIWON: A STUDIO UNIT FOR STUDENTS, USUALLY KNOWN FOR BEING SMALL SPACES WITH MINIMAL AMENITIES IN EXCHANGE FOR CHEAP RENT.

ALRIGHT, EVERYONE. CHEERS!
Pig's Feet
K-BBQ



THANKS FOR TREATING US, JISEOK!

CLINK

OF COURSE!
EAT UP!

BUT
SINCE WHEN
CAN YOU AFFORD
BARBEQUE?

HUH...?

OH,
UHH... MY MOM
SENT ME SOME
MONEY!

SHE TOLD ME
TO STOP MOOCHING
OFF OTHERS AND BE
THE ONE TO TREAT

THE ONE TO TREAT
FOR ONCE.

JISEOK KIM

HAS BEEN LIVING
IN A GOSHIWON
FOR THREE YEARS

OH, WOW!
LOOKS LIKE YOUR
MOM STILL HASN'T
GIVEN UP ON YOU
YET!
EXCUSE ME?
HAHA!

MY DAD TELLS
ME TO NOT BOTHER
EVEN COMING HOME

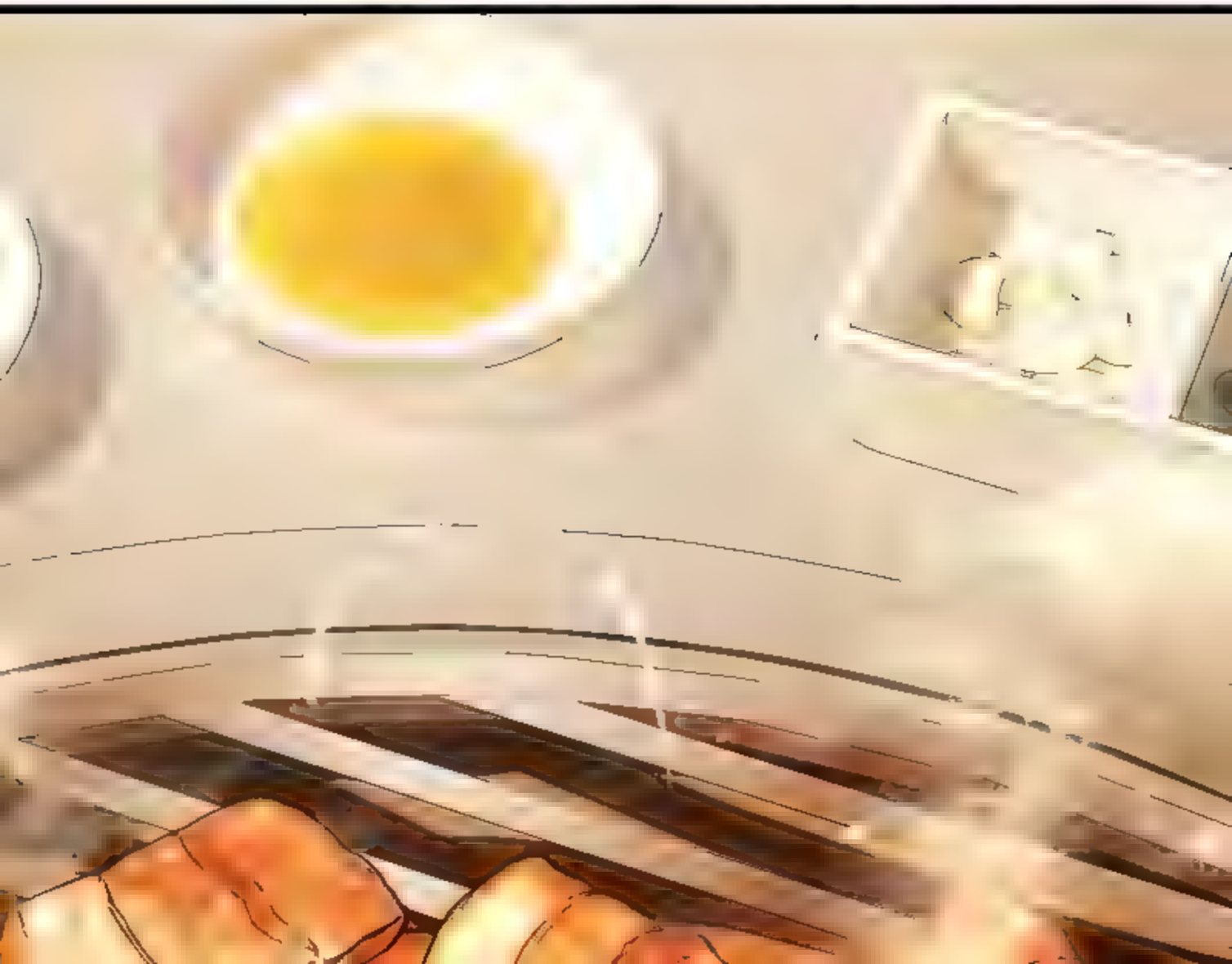
ANYMORE!

HEH...
ENJOY THIS MEAL,
YOU BROKE
NERDS.

I'M GETTING
OUT OF THIS SHABBY
NEIGHBORHOOD
SOON ENOUGH!

I'VE ALREADY GOT MY EYES ON AN ULTRA-LUXURY CONDO UNIT!

SOMETHING FEELS
WEIRD HERE...



I'M HONESTLY...
A LITTLE BORED.

THE PARTY I HAD
IN ANOTHER WORLD WAS
SO LOUD AND JOYFUL.

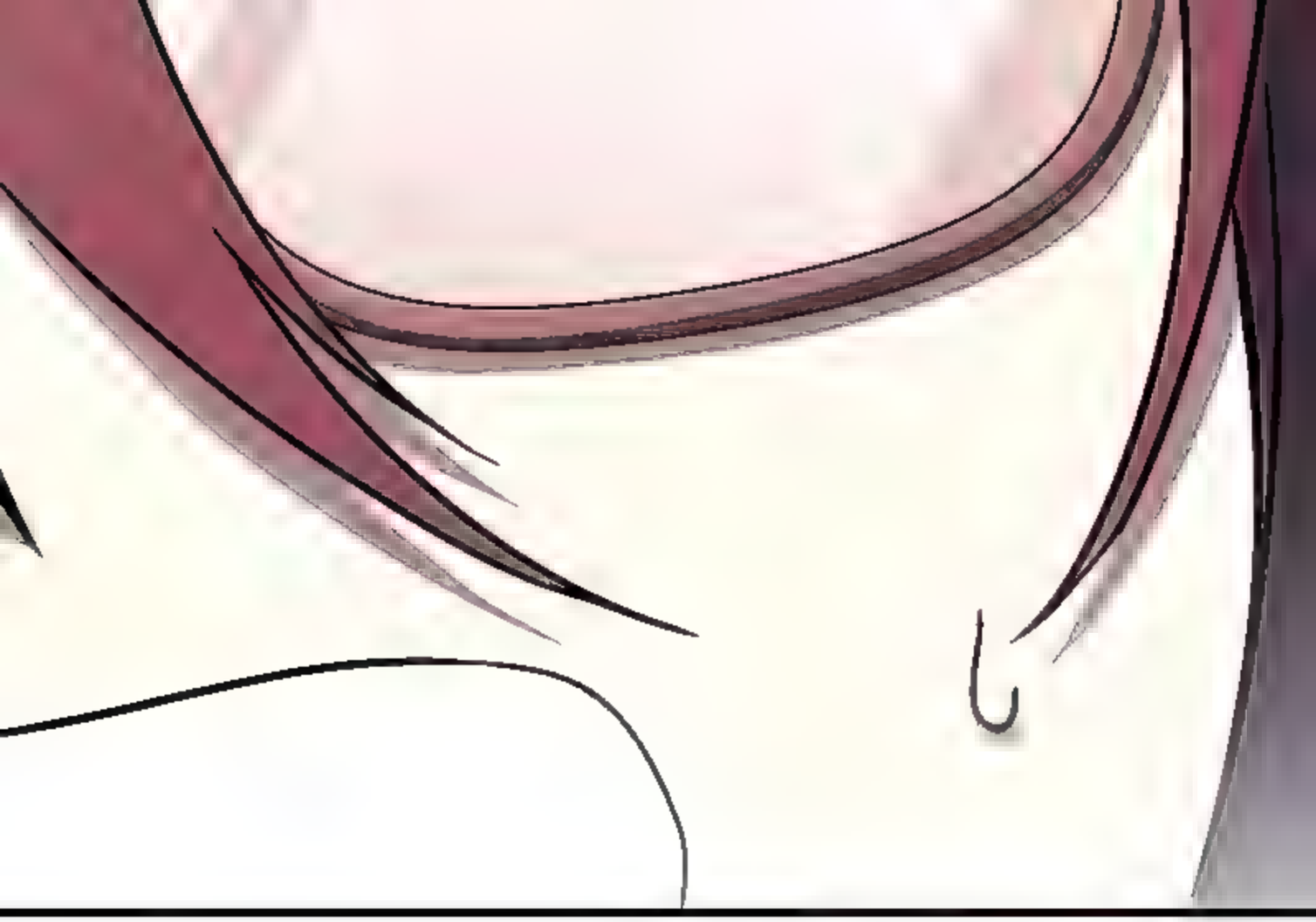
Congrats!
New
Railway

I WANNA HURRY
AND LOG BACK IN TO
SEE MY FRIENDS...

SWING
ADT

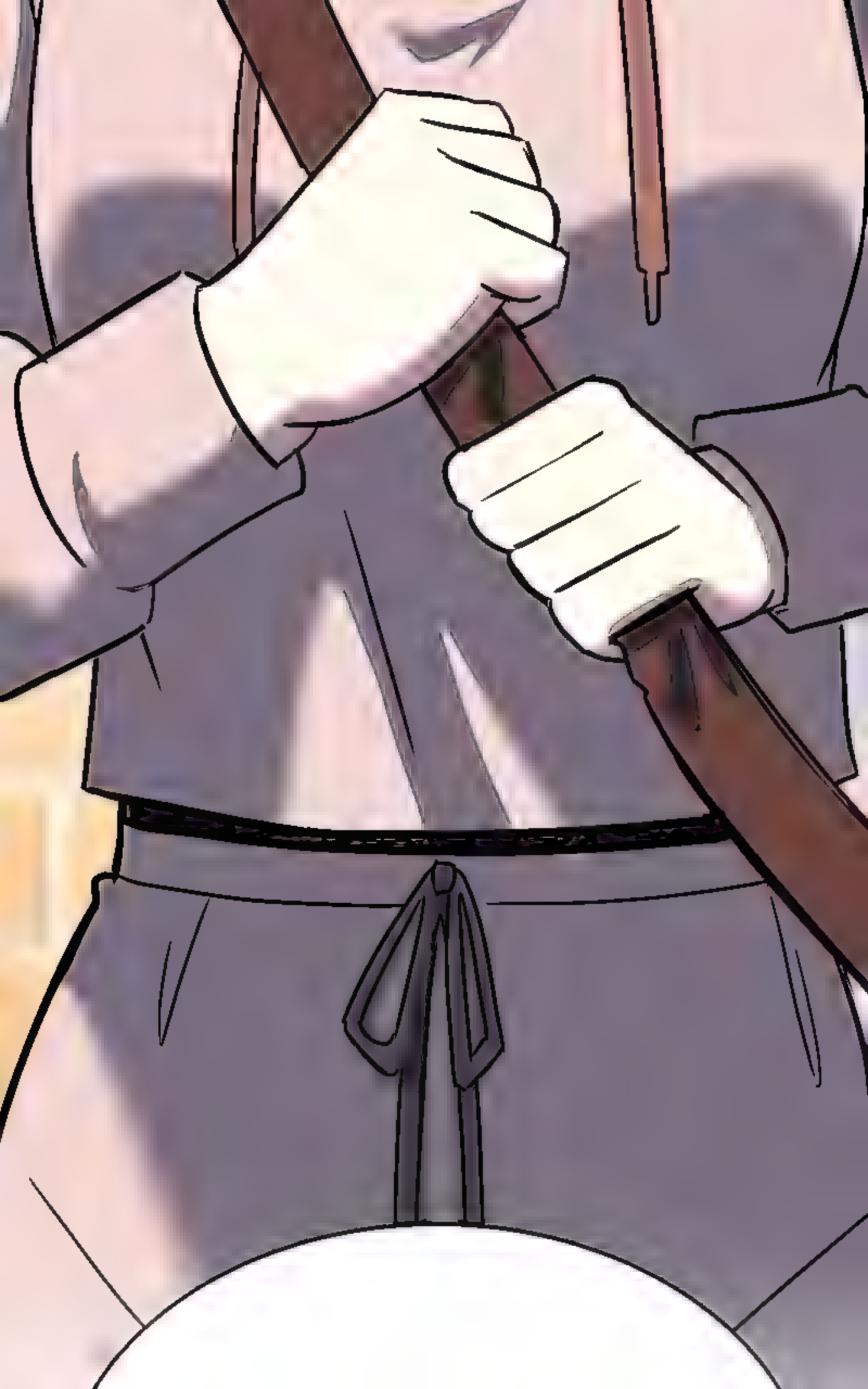
OH, THERE SHE IS!

EUNHA!
OVER HERE!

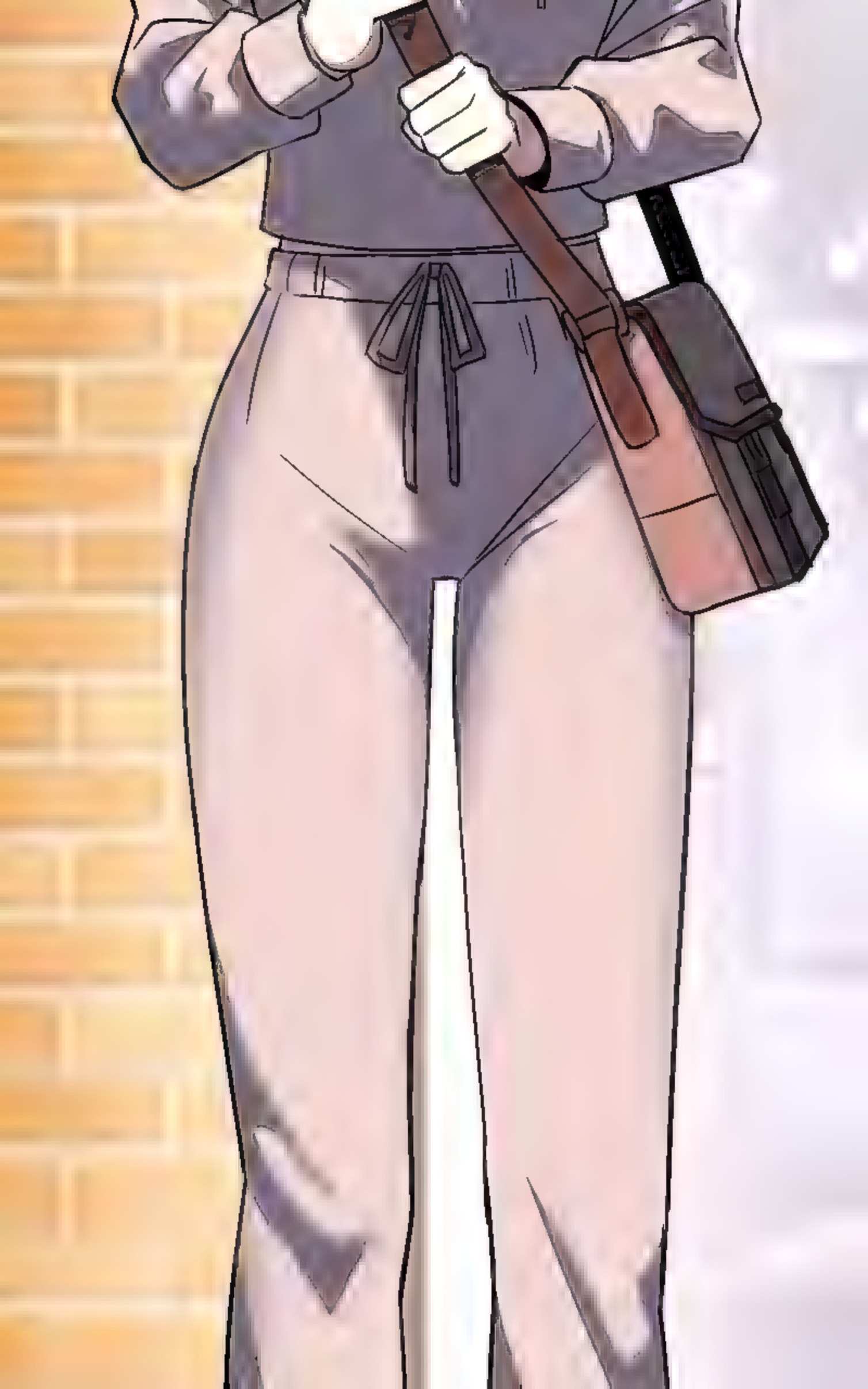


S-SORRY...!

I HOPE I DIDN'T KEEP YOU WAITING TOO LONG.



MY SHIFT FINISHED LATER THAN I EXPECTED...



EUNHA RYU

HAS BEEN LIVING
IN A GOSHIWON

FOR ONE YEAR

IT'S FINE. WE JUST STARTED EATING!

SIT DOWN.
HAVE SOME
BARBEQUE!

OH...

TH-THANKS!

I BET YOU'RE EXHAUSTED FROM JUGGLING STUDYING AND YOUR PART-TIME JOB.

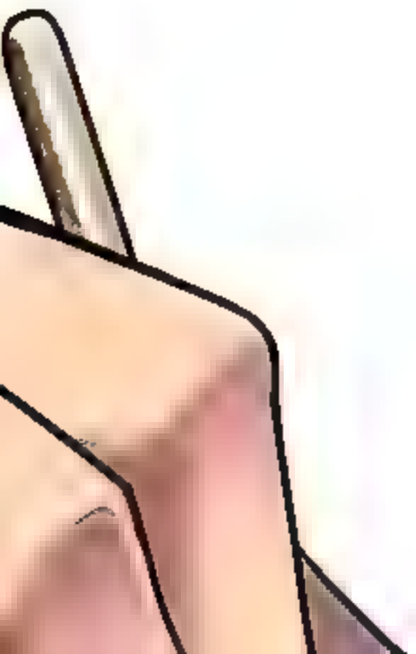
HEH...
IT'S FINE.

HEY, EUNHA.
JISEOK SAID
HE'S TREATING
TONIGHT.

WHAT?!

SINCE WHEN CAN JISEOK AFFORD TO DO THAT?

HE SAID HIS MOM SENT HIM SOME MONEY RECENTLY!



PHEW,
I'M STUFFED.
THANKS,
JISEOK!

PLEASE
TELL YOUR
MOTHER WE SAID
THANK YOU.

I'LL SEE
YOU AT TUTORING
NEXT TIME.

BYE, EVERYONE!
LATER!

SEE YOU TOMORROW!

I'LL SEE YOU NEXT TIME, EUNHA!
FLINCH

W-WAIT!
JISEOK...!
HMM?

WHAT'S UP

WHAT'S UP, EUNHA?
UMM...

WELL...
D-DO...
DO YOU...

...WANNA
HAVE ANOTHER
DRINK...

...AT M-MY PLACE...?

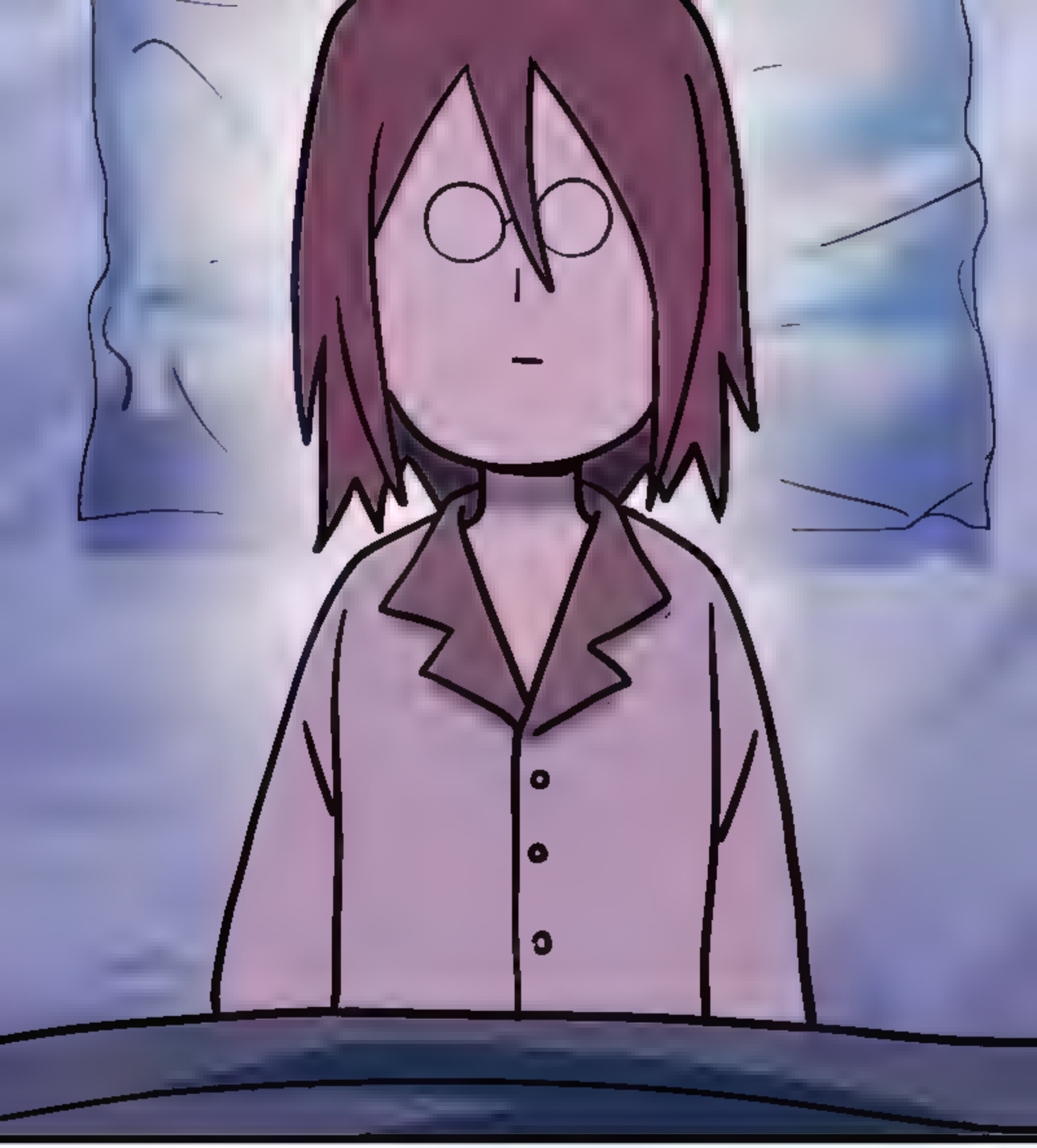
NAH, I'M GOOD!
GRIN

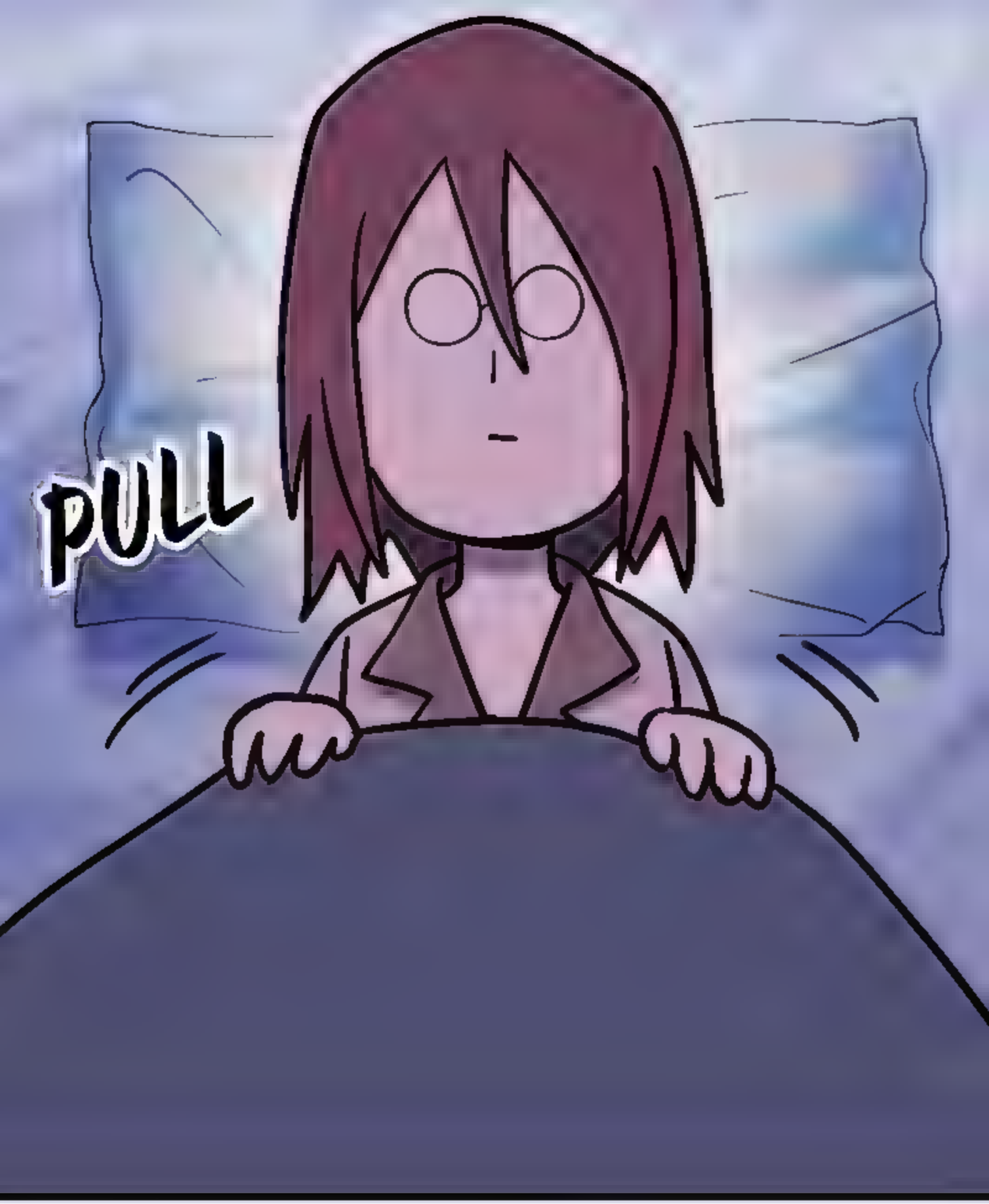
I'M MEETING UP WITH SOME FRIENDS ONLINE LATER!

SORRY, EUNHA. LET'S DRINK NEXT TIME!

LATER!

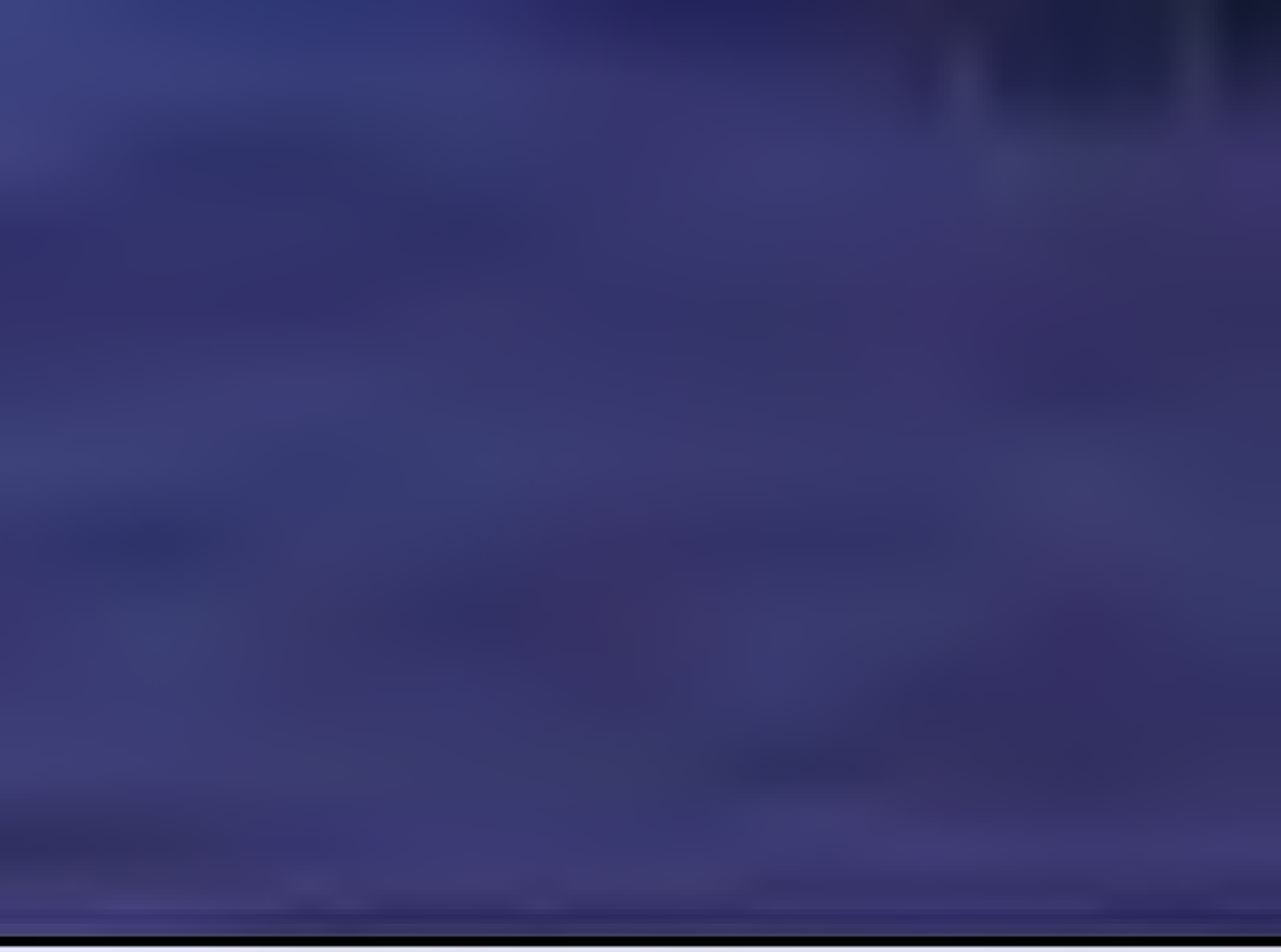
DASH
Arcade




PULL

SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
HIC... MMPH...
HIC...

SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE
DRIP



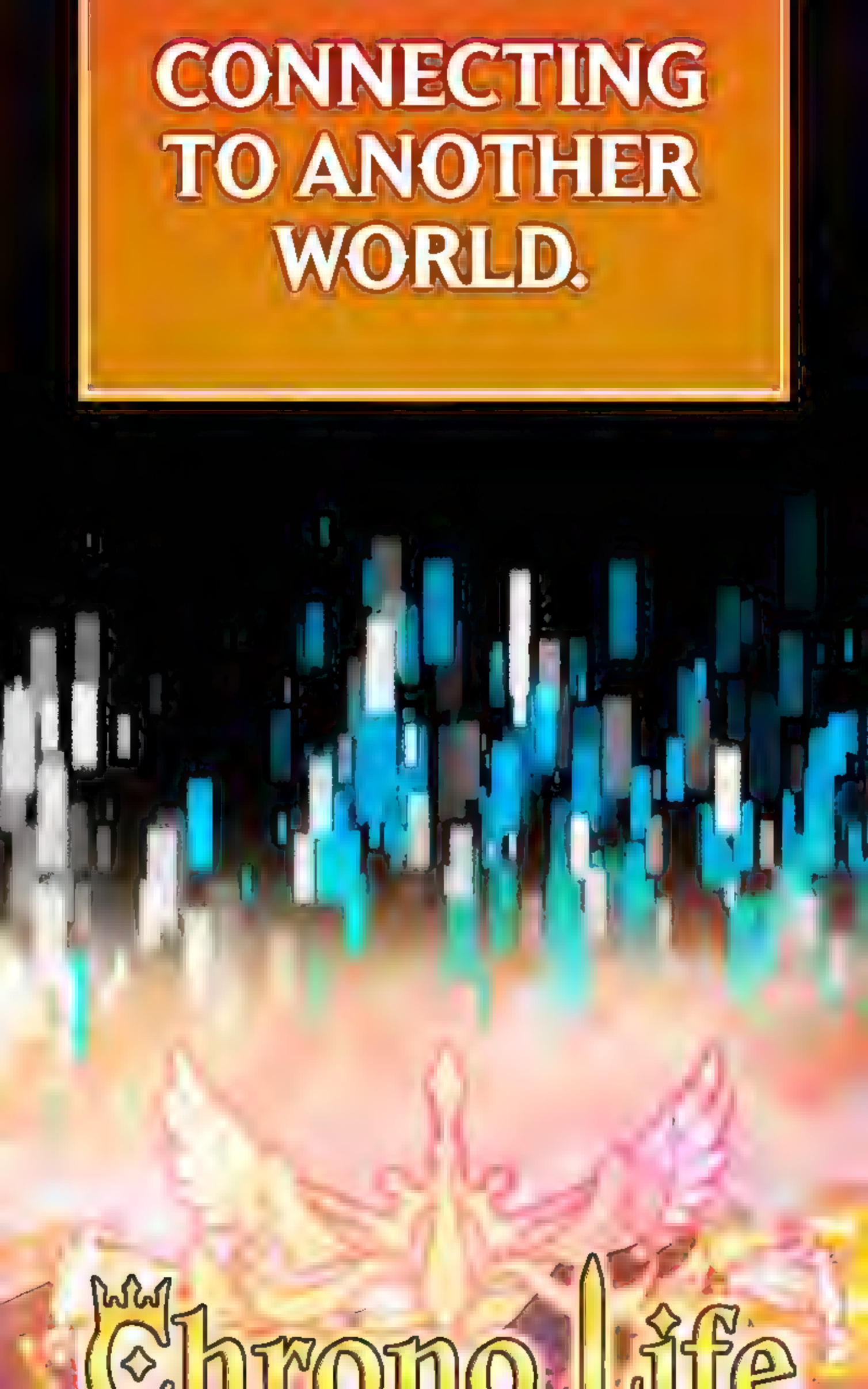
WHAT'S SO FUN...

...ABOUT ANOTHER WORLD, HUH?!

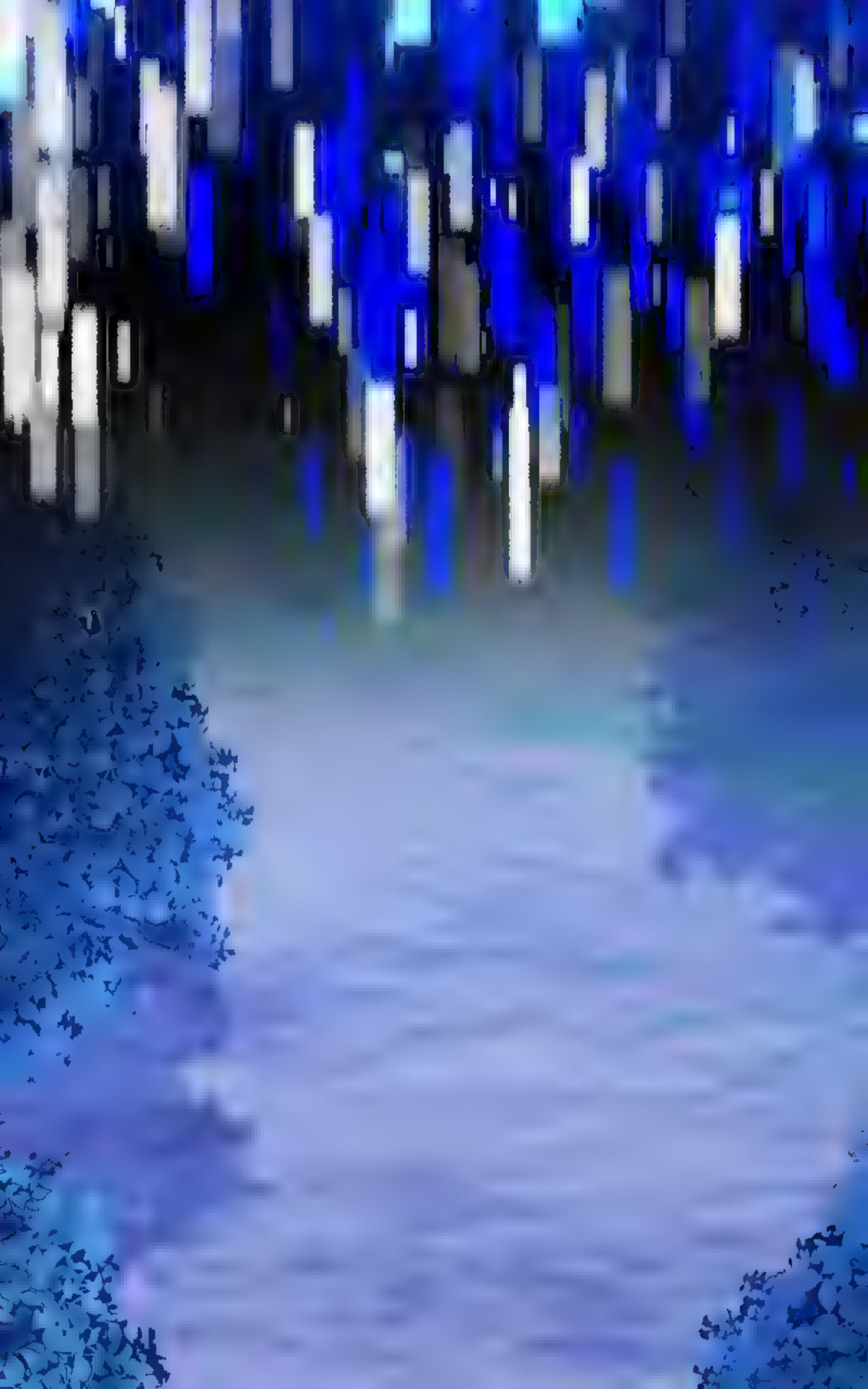
BLIZT
BLIZT

BZZT

DING


CONNECTING
TO ANOTHER
WORLD.
Chrono Life

Another World



SIGH

IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU I GOT REJECTED...

THUMP
THUMP

WAHAHA
HAHA!

HA HA!

WHAT'S WITH THE NEWBIE OUTFIT?

YOU MUST BE A BEGINNER WHO'S LOST THEIR WAY!

FUZHU
CYCLOPS

LOVES
HUMAN MEAT.

(DANGER LEVEL: S)

THESE ARE

THE CONTINENT OUTSKIRTS! EVEN SEASONED VETERANS KNOW TO AVOID THIS PLACE!

THIS IS THE TERRITORY OF THE FEARSOME BLOODSIPHON KING, ONE OF THE SIX SUPREMES!

GRANTED,
HE WON'T BE ONE
FOR LONG.

RUMOR

HAS IT THAT THE BLOODSIPHON KING ISN'T EVEN A MONSTER!

I'M GONNA HACK AND SLASH THAT PHONY AND TAKE HIS SPOT AS ONE OF THE SIX SUPREMES! WAHAHAHA!

YOU SEEM CONFIDENT IN YOUR SKILLS.

WAHAHAHA! YOU DON'T KNOW WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO!

LISTEN, YOUNG LADY... I'M GONNA GOBBLE UP THAT JUICY MEAT OF YOURS, AND YOU'RE GONNA THANK ME FOR IT!
YOU SHOULD BE HONORED TO DIE AT MY HANDS!

ATTACK

ACTIVATE
SKILL.

EYE
CONTACT.

?!
HUH...?
WH-WHAT?!
BAD!

WH...

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

YOUR DEFENSE HAS BEEN LOWERED.

YOUR ATTACK HAS BEEN LOWERED.

BLOCKING WILL INCREASE THE DAMAGE YOU TAKE.
WHAT'S

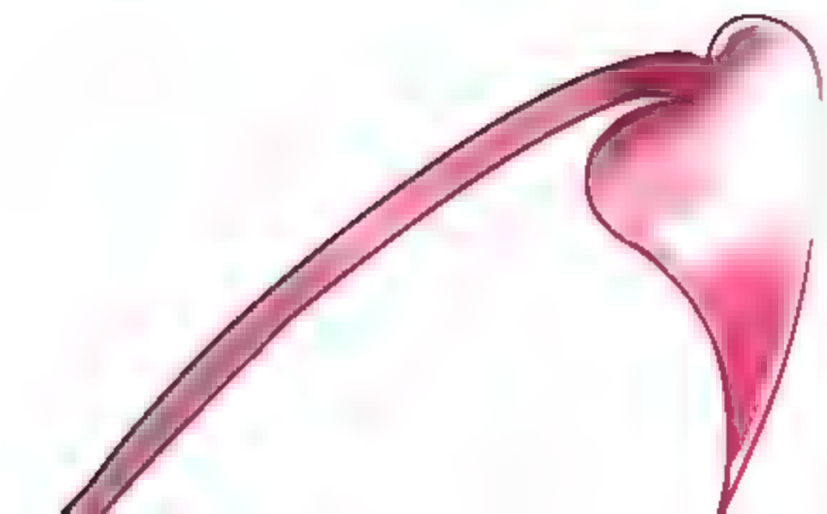
WRONG?

DON'T TELL ME...

...YOU'VE ALREADY FALLEN FOR ME.

N-NO!
NO WAY!

ARE YOU AWARE THAT YOU'RE BECOMING WEAKER AND WEAKER?



ONCE YOU FALL
IN LOVE WITH YOUR
OPPONENT...

...YOU CAN'T

HELP BUT WANT TO LET THEM WIN.

ACTIVATE

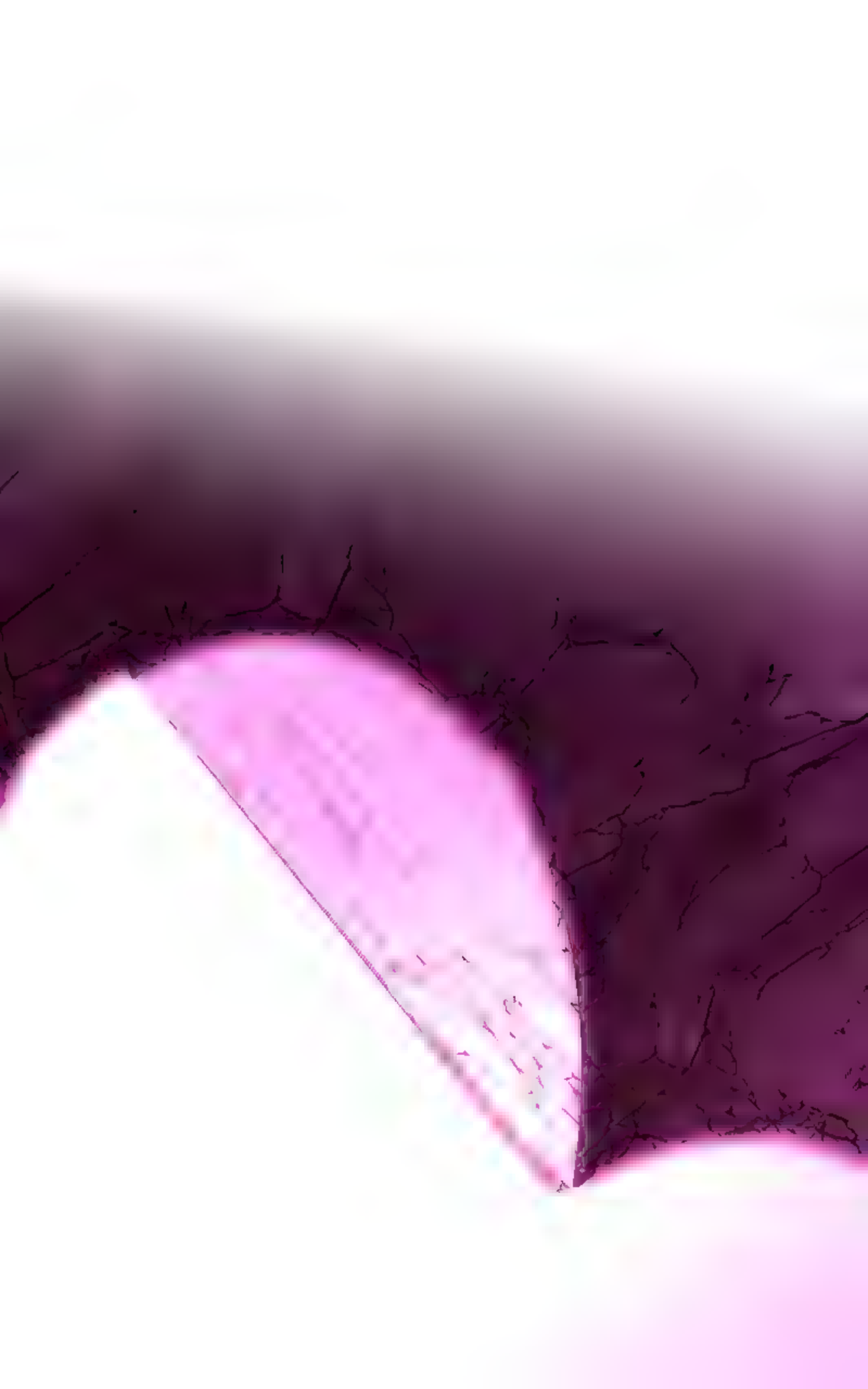
SKILL

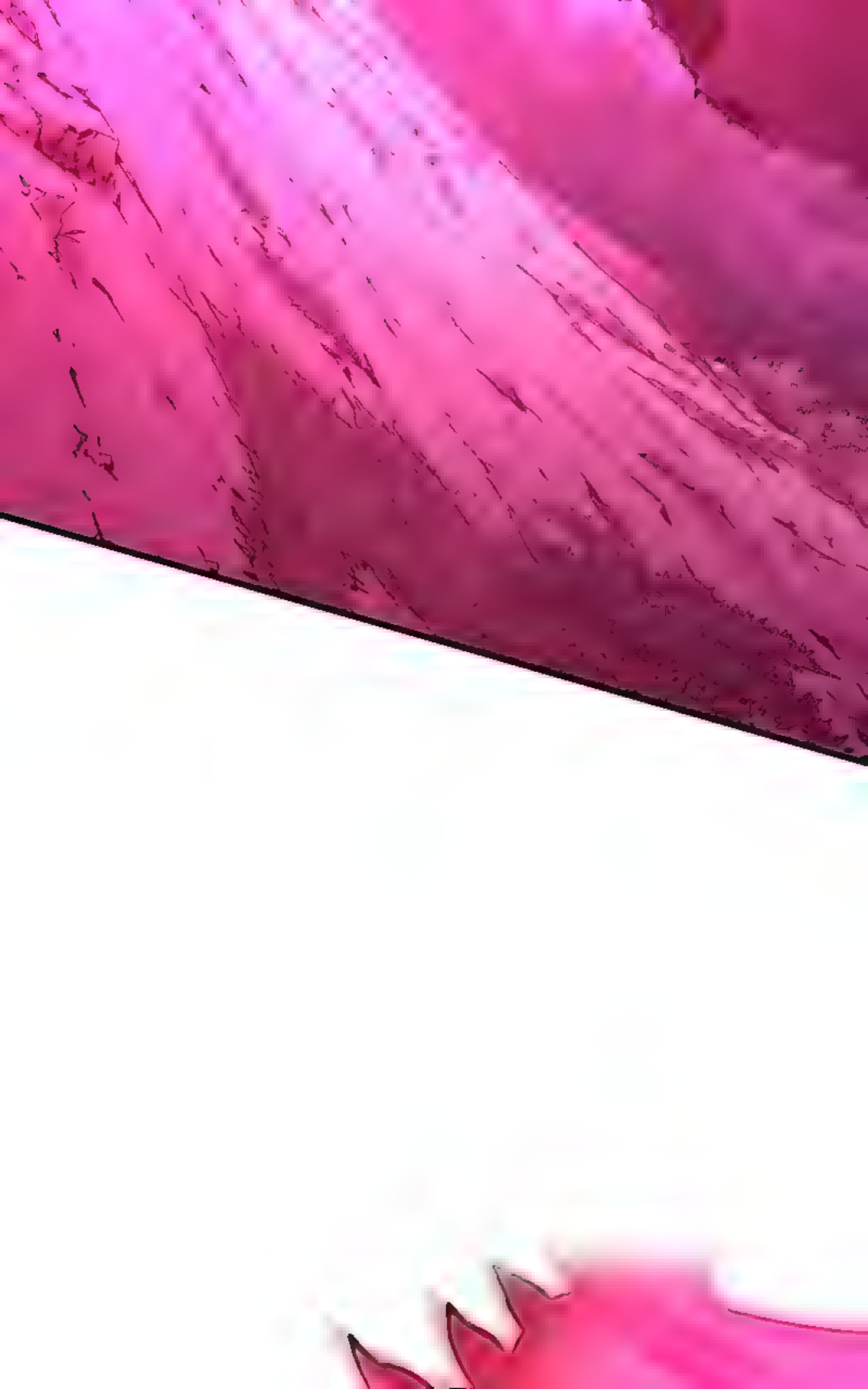
ATTACK!!

HEART

PEW

SH





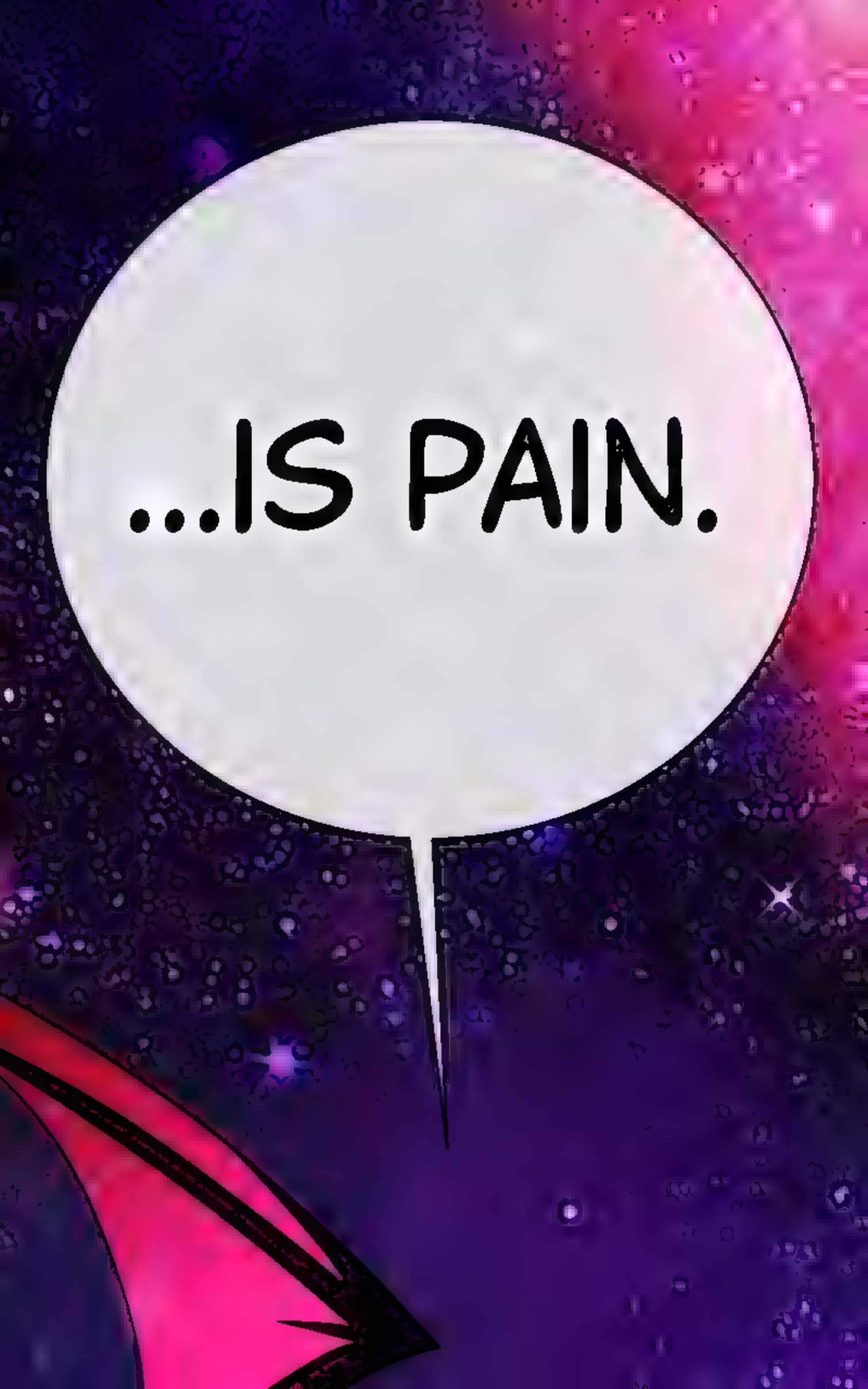
HUNGER,
JEALOUSY,
AMBITION...

NONE OF
THESE DESIRES

STAND A CHANCE
AGAINST THE MOST
POWERFUL DESIRE
OF THEM ALL.

LOVE.

THEN,
ALL THAT'S
LEFT...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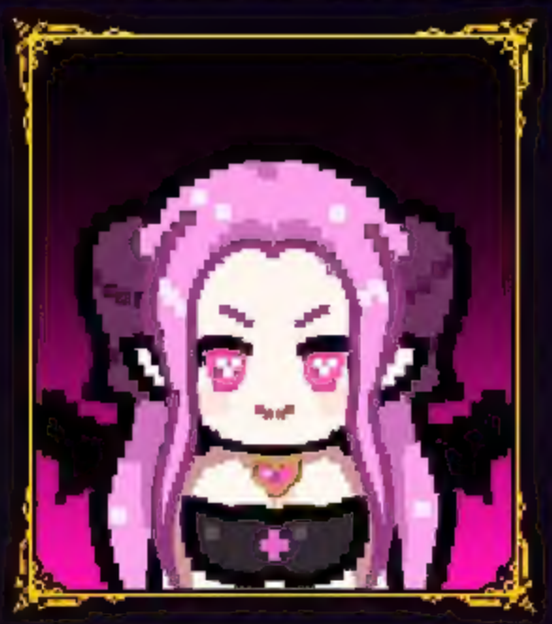

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